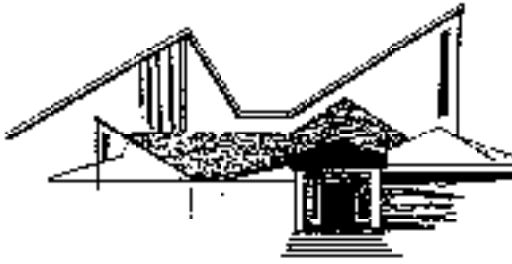


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Congregation Beth Elohim Sisterhood and Nashoba
Valley Chapter of Hadassah Proudly Presents

Marsha Mirkin, Ph. D.

Clinical Psychologist, Writer, Associate Professor in Psychology at
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*Growth, Possibility and Change:
Finding Ourselves in the Story of
Eve and Adam*

Dr. Mirkin will “begin at the beginning” and share her perspective
on the contemporary relevance of the story of Eve and Adam.



Dr. Mirkin is the author of
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Finding Ourselves in the Stories
of Our Biblical Foremothers

- 🌿 Thursday Evening, May 14, 2009 at 7:30 PM
- 🌿 Congregation Beth Elohim 133 Prospect Street, Acton, MA
- 🌿 Cost: \$5.00 Light refreshments will be served

For information and to RSVP by email for planning purposes, please contact
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Schedule of Services

Friday,	April 3	7:15 PM	Shabbat Service for Young Children; Tot Shabbat # (Lower Level)
Saturday,	April 4	10:00 AM	Shabbat Service#— Elliot Gilfix Bat Mitzvah; Jr. Congregation (Lower Level)
Thursday,	April 9	9:30 PM	Pesach Morning Service
Friday,	April 10	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service
Saturday,	April 11	10:00 AM	Shabbat Family Service; Jr. Congregation and K'tonton Shabbat (Lower Level)
Wednesday,	April 15	9:30 PM	Seventh Day Pesach Service # including Yizkor
Friday,	April 17	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service #—Yom Hashoah commemoration
Saturday,	April 18	10:00 AM	Shabbat Service#— Danielle Harris Bat Mitzvah
Sunday,	April 19	8:30 AM	Shacharit Minyan
Friday,	April 24	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service
Saturday,	April 25	10:00 AM	Shabbat Service#— Madeline Friedman and Sarah Javits B'not Mitzvah

- Denotes services conducted by Rabbi and Cantor

President's Message**Sue Wachter****smrwachter@yahoo.com**

We are finally experiencing some warm days, a thankful respite in this very long cold winter. March has been an extraordinarily busy month at CBE, beginning with no less than three major services and programs for Purim, the Adult Education Film Series, Me'ah, an interesting lecture from Michele Gutlove the artist who created the beautiful glass art that adorns the walls in the sanctuary, a candidates forum at the Brotherhood breakfast, and a candid interfaith dialog discussing the traditions of Passover and Easter with the Rev. Dr. Gale Davis Morris of The Church of the Good Shepherd in Acton, and our own Rabbi Lewis Mintz. I am so pleased that so many of our members are taking advantage of our many programming opportunities. Our goal is to make the programs relevant and fun, informative and build community all at once.

The month of April tends to be busy for Jewish families. Between Passover and school vacation, the month seems shorter due to all the activity. This year with Pesach and vacation on alternate weeks the month may seem to go by even faster. Amidst your Passover preparations please look for mail from the synagogue which will include the slate for the 2009-10 Board. As this is my last year serving as President, I am thrilled to announce that Linda Minkoff is slated to be my successor. Linda has been a member of the CBE community for many years, and she has served on the CBE Board as Executive Secretary and

Youth Committee Chair for over ten years. I know that Linda will continue the wonderful legacy of dedication to the community of CBE Presidents. I look forward to welcoming her as the newest member of the club of CBE presidents this May. The ballot will be mailed in early April and we will await the return of your vote.

Later in April you will receive a copy of the projected budget for the 2009-10 fiscal year, which will reflect our spending priorities. I encourage you to take a close look at the budget. There are many things that affect our budget including our ability to collect much needed revenue over the year. We have not escaped the tumult of the national economy and will have some very difficult decisions to make in order to maintain fiscal responsibility and our sense of community and connection. If you have any questions about the budget be sure to get in touch with me or our Treasurer, Laura Kelmar. Please mark your calendars to attend our Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 3rd when the congregation will vote on the budget the Board puts forward.

Last but certainly not least, we are always looking for volunteers on our many committees. Volunteer jobs vary in the time and effort needed. As plans for next year begin, there is still plenty of time to work on a project or serve on a committee. I hope that you can find something that is both challenging and meaningful for you at CBE. As the world around us continues in great turmoil, I hope that CBE brings you a sense of peace and belonging. Happy Pesach!

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**Tears and Tikkun Olam
Arielle Chapnick**

The second the plane touched ground, I cried. I didn't know why, but I did. The elderly Israeli woman sitting next to me cried and we hugged, with the flight attendant passing by and nodding knowingly. I looked out the window again and the sign for Ben-Gurion International Airport reaffirmed that, yes, I really was in Israel and, no, this was not a dream.

This past summer, I spent four weeks in Israel on Young Judaea's Tikkun Olam program. New to YJ's plethora of summer Israel trips, the Tikkun Olam trip focused on community service and helping the country which we were visiting. As a self-appointed community service nerd, I knew from the beginning that this trip was for me. And was I ever right.

We spent our first day in Jerusalem. Tired and jet-lagged, we were still overcome with emotion during our evening tour through the Old City, ending with our first visit to the Western Wall, glowing and radiating something that sent shivers down my spine. The first time I touched the Wall, I couldn't bring my hand away. It was almost as if there was this powerful magnetic attraction between my fingers and the Wall that I couldn't overpower. And, you guessed it, I started crying again. That night, although the first of the entire trip, was one of my favorites.

The next morning, we rose early for our first of many lengthy bus rides to the Negev. Although the trip was two months ago, I still feel the urge to take a long nap whenever I board a bus. We traveled throughout the Negev for a week and a half, hiking almost every day, building irrigation walls for a Bedouin community, exploring Eilat, and marveling at all the desert had to offer. During our early morning hike up Masada, we complained and cursed our 4 AM wake up. But, once we reached the summit



Batya and I riding Betsy in the Negev.

and watched as the sun rose majestically over the Dead Sea, the ill-feelings ceased and we all just marveled silently at the beautiful sight before us. We held a quiet, reflective service as the sun rose.



Our surprise trip to the Red Sea.

From the Negev, we boarded the bus to Jerusalem, where we spent a full week. After constantly moving from hostel to hostel in the Negev, it was a relief to finally settle down for a full week at the beautiful Young Judaeen Youth Hostel. This week, our community service focus really kicked into high gear. Our first day in Jerusalem, we visited the Hadassah Hospital. Beginning with the beautiful Chagall windows, we then alternated between visiting an elderly ward and the children's ward. I first visited an elderly woman who had grown up and lived in Boston. She didn't have many visitors while recovering from her hip replacement and was so happy to have English-speaking visitors from New England. In the children's ward, we came armed with balloons, party hats, face paint, and a whole bag of small toys. I remember hitting a balloon back and forth with a young Arab boy. Although we had no form of verbal communication, his soft giggles and big, toothy smiles were words enough. In addition, we had the opportunity to choose from a number of different locations to have a focused project

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Web Site

Our congregation web site, www.bethelohim.org, includes the online edition of The Star as well as a variety of other information including the bookstore link (Amazon.com) and a form for making a donation.

Tears and Tikkun Olam (continued)

for three days. My group went to a Hazon Yeshaya, a Jerusalem soup kitchen, where we spent three mornings peeling more potatoes than I knew existed, packaging bags of staple foods to give to the poor, and serving lunch to Jerusalem's hungry. Although I have volunteered in many soup kitchens in the United States, I have never been as emotionally touched as I was at Hazon Yeshaya. The biggest shock was that about 90% of the people I served were elderly. I couldn't help but look at them and think about my own grandparents. At the age that these people should have been enjoying retirement and vacationing around the world, they were standing in line to receive a free hot lunch. Several, I observed, brought Tupperware containers with them. They would eat half their lunch and store the other half for later. Communication was also difficult. I knew a few words of Hebrew, but most of the people there didn't even speak that, let alone English. The room was a mix of countless European languages and, although we had trouble communicating verbally, each man or woman I served thanked me with a warm smile and soft "todah."

After our week in Jerusalem, we pointed our beloved purple bus due North to Tel Aviv. We spent several days there, learning about the history and, most importantly, hitting the funky and eclectic shops during our free time. We drove up further and visited the Lebanese border. We had a Tzahal official speak to us about the army's history and the past war with Lebanon, all while a UN peacekeeping

helicopter circled overhead. The North served as a complete shock. I knew that the North was green and lush, but I didn't expect so much green! We hiked through rivers, which kept us cool during the hot and humid afternoons. The Sea of Galilee was breathtaking, as we were there during a magnificent sunset. In the last couple of days, we toured around an Arab-Israeli community and heard a wonderful seminar on diversity and the issues surrounding the residents of Israel who identify themselves as Arabs. The second to last day, armed with games and toys, we visited an Ethiopian absorption center. The children there had been waiting for us for hours and were jumping with joy at the sight of our bus. Although we had planned out a structured circulation of activities, all order broke down and one big soccer game between us and a bunch of young Ethiopian kids ensued. Several of us, embarrassed, were forced to admit defeat. During the few hours we were there, each of us seemed to become attached to a little "buddy," and everyone on our trip, at least once, was photographed with an Ethiopian boy or girl on our backs. When it came time to leave, the kids ran with us back to our bus and attempted to board the bus, all in an effort to keep us there just a little while longer. On our last evening, our *madrichim* passed around a journal to each of us labeled with our names. For the entire last day, all we wanted to do was exchange journals and write messages to each other. I still look at mine and remember all the friends I made, the jokes we shared, and the experiences I will always treasure.

When my plane landed at Logan International Airport, I ran to my parents and immediately started bawling right there in the middle of the terminal. (Noticing a trend here?) Was I happy to be home? Sure, I guess it was a welcome change to not have to live out of a suitcase anymore. But did I want to go back more than anything else in the world? I think you know the answer to that question. I returned home a different person. My family has noticed it, my friends have noticed it, I have noticed it. Through the Tikkun Olam trip, my connections to Israel and Judaism have strengthened exponentially and I know that someday, it may not be tomorrow, or even in a year or two, but someday, I will return to Israel. ☆

Shabbat Learner's Class

Please join Cantor Spierer for a lively, interactive exploration of Shabbat prayers and their ability to connect us to community, to ourselves, and to God. Whether you have never attended services before or never miss a week, this class will be an opportunity to sing, learn, share your thoughts, deepen your understanding, ask your questions, and gain comfort with the service and prayers. Each week we will focus on a new section of the Shabbat morning liturgy.

No Hebrew reading experience is necessary. All class sessions are independent, so please feel encouraged to come for just one session or for all.

Our next class is Wednesday, April 22, 7:30-8:30 PM. RSVPs are always welcome to cantorsarra@bethelohim.org.

Family Mitzvah Day

Save Sunday, May 3rd for Family Ed's Family Mitzvah Day. More details to follow!

The People of Chelm Want To Know...

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The long and rich history of Judaism is so much more accessible to everyone today, even to the storied people of Chelm. Members of our Me'ah and adult education classes have studied this abundant past and wanted to share what we have learned with others who might also enjoy it. So this column was devised and each month there are three questions, usually from different eras. Most are fairly difficult questions, and you should be congratulated for trying to wrestle with any of them. These were asked in this column a few years ago, but in different form. If you don't know an answer, you will find it on page 8. Please share your new knowledge with your neighbors, fellow congregants, and especially the people of Chelm.

1. This month we celebrate Passover. At this time, we especially try to make sure there is only kosher wine on the table. Today's kosher wines include many more kinds than the familiar sweet Manischewitz or Mogen David. A kosher product must meet some stringent tests in order to earn this label. Which of the following do you suppose are necessary criteria for making a kosher wine?

- A) The equipment used must be used exclusively for the making of kosher wine.
- B). Only Sabbath-observant Jews can be involved in the wine production
- C). The grapes must be grown in Israel.
- D). The product cannot be a mixed varietal wine.

2. Chapter 12 of the Book of Exodus describes in precise detail how the very first Passover was to be performed and how this day was to be celebrated "as a festival to the Lord throughout the ages." Clearly, this is a central event in the development of Judaism. Still many of us are unclear about some of the lore and traditions surrounding Passover. Here is an example, gleaned from our Rabbi's discussion of, "all you didn't know about Pesach." Please indicate which of the following statements are true about the this first Passover.

- A) It is the first actual mitzvah of the Torah.
- B) It marks the birth of the nation of Israel.
- C) It was the first worship performed in the "promised land" of Canaan.
- D) It occurred on the new moon.

3. More than three thousand years after when scholars estimate that first Passover occurred, there was another momentous day in Jewish histo-

ry—May 14, 1948. This is the day the state of modern Israel was born. Just like Passover and all other days fixed in the lunar Hebrew calendar, the yearly celebration date of Israel Independence Day, or Yom Ha'atzmaut, wanders about the solar calendar. In 2009, we celebrate it on April 28th, shortly after Patriot's Day here in Massachusetts. This confluence seems especially appropriate now; American and Israeli patriots established new countries under trying conditions and today are called on for the defense of those countries. Which of the following events do you think occurred on that historic day of May 14, 1948?

- A) Formal end of colonial mandate over the region called Palestine.
- B) The UN vote for a partition plan for Palestine.
- C) Invasion by six Arab armies.
- D) Reading of the Scroll of Independence in Tel Aviv.
- E) US recognition of Israel? ☆

Brotherhood News

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Purim turned out to be a smashing success again this year with a spectacular Shpiel followed by the Annual Purim Carnival. Lots of the old games showed up including some new ones: Pinball Wizard by Shrives & Company, a balloon shaving game courtesy of Green Shaving Company, Arts and Crafts by RybaCrafts and NerfShootOut requested by Student Council. Thank you to all of the participants {kids} whom had fun, and a special thanks to all of the worker-bees at the Carnival which include: Gary Kushner, David Manalan, Rick Green, Don Hoban, Gary & Rosalie Mauser, Bob Ferrara, Paul Friedman, Fred Goldstein, Charles Namias, Matt Liebman, Kerstin Mendelsohn, Paul Orr, Peter Lovitz, Bud Samiljan, Pam Ryba, Michaela Green, Jenna Grossman, Rachel Katz, Arielle Chapnick, Anna Samiljan, Sophie Cranin, Bryce Rashbaum, Michael Bowe, Sarah Minkoff, Micky Waks, Zoe Gruskay and others.

Even though Carole Simpson, formerly a news anchor for NBC and ABC weekend news, cancelled her appearance, the Brotherhood Breakfast on March 23, with candidates for elected offices in Acton, was well attended.

Out next Brotherhood Breakfast will be on May 3, being that there will be a break for April to account for Passover and Spring Break. See you then. ☆

Sisterhood News**Karen Collins****978-264-4042/k.f.collins@comcast.net**

Ah, finally! Spring is here! In honor of spring cleaning, this month's article will be sweet.

Thank You:

We have a lot of people that we need to thank for their help. For starters, we would like to thank the following families for hosting an Oneg in the past couple of months: Robyn & Steven Maislin, Susan & Terry Spencer, Marlene & Jeff Bergart, Debbie & Charlie Namias, Susan Cohn-Child & Andrew Child, Amy & David Leers, Candy & Fred Bowe, Karen & Roland Cheyney, Sima & Terry Maitland, Ina & Malcolm Burdine, Natalie & Roger Matus, Susan Abrams, Amy Michelson & Matt Liebman, Maida & Glenn Fund, Risa & Jonathan Selig, Bonnie & Andrew Cranin, Sari & David Kelly, Julie & Robert McCall, Beth Schrager & Jeff Handler, Alyssa & Jon Held, Judy & Gary Budiansky, Paul Epstein, Amy & Bill Jackson

Thank you for helping make each of our Shabbats that much more special.

Thank you to Susan Pinsky, Kerry Shrives, Joan Olson, Helaine Katz & Julie McCall for the "Get Organized" program! I've heard rave reviews about the program through the grapevine—we can't thank you enough for your time, advice & information!

Thank you also to Michele Gutlove for her incredible discussion about glass and for taking us through the journey of the sanctuary art. Doris Goldstein & Arlene Weiss, thank you for your unrelenting effort to make this program such a success! Thank you to Lauren Solomon for creating the flyer, to Pam Kurtzer for giving a wonderful speech welcoming Michele, to Rabbi Mintz for his addictive gusto regarding this subject—your energy is palpable. Thank you also to me, Karen Collins, for providing edible treats. (For the record, I personally would choose not to thank myself, but they made me do it.)

Passover Cookie/Brownie Swap,**April 5th, 3-4:30 PM**

Looking for some delicious treats for your Passover table and best of all you don't have to make them all, come to our Sisterhood Passover Cookie/Brownie swap at the home of Karen Collins 363 Middle Road, Boxborough. All you have to bring is yourself, 2 dozen of your favorite Passover cookies/brownies and a desire to have a whole lot of fun. What a great opportunity to taste test others

desserts and bring home a variety of sweets for your own Passover table. Want to share your recipe, you can also bring along some recipes. RSVP to Karen at 978-264-4042 or k.f.collins@comcast.net.

**Marsha Mirkin: A Talk on Eve and Adam,
May 14th 7:30 PM**

The Sisterhood Store

Shopping for a Bar or Bat Mitzvah present, an engagement, wedding, anniversary, birth or birthday has never been easier, just stop by the glass showcase in the lobby of CBE to see a selection of our beautiful & unique gifts from Ralph Jordan's.

Case Study #2, is The Bar Mitzvah Dilemma. Your best friend's son's Bar Mitzvah is two weeks away, and you find yourself awake in the middle of the night, struggling with the decision as to what to get him for a present. Life shattering decision? Certainly not. That said, you do want to give something meaningful that will forever remind him of you and your family. In a slight panic, you go to your computer to check your emails and you end up reading the Star online. Two bold words pop out of the page, "Sisterhood Store" and you nod your head with relief. Of course! The store! It's convenient, it's easy & it will have exactly what you want. Guess you should have read *The Star* last month, huh?

Sisterhoodies

You might be getting bored with our offer to purchase a hoodie, and if that's the case, I apologize. I'm not quite done, though. You would think now that it's April that there's little need for a cozy, comfy, warm hoodie. On the contrary, now is the best time to purchase your very own hoodie. Our hoodies are the perfect weight for the warming days and still coolish nights. They're perfect for weekend gardening or for tying around your waist before you sit outside all day watching your children play their various sports. Finally, they're perfect for a simple post-work outfit. (Unless, of course, you happen to wear your hoodie to work, in which case there's no need to change!) Order yours today, call Eve Aronoff at 978-929-0876

Shabbat Onegs

Don't forget to take matters into your own hands by choosing the date that works for you to host a Shabbat Oneg! It's a joyous way to embrace Shabbat. Contact Judy Budiansky at 978-263-3061.

Take care, be well & stay in touch, Sisterhood. ✨

Answers For the People of Chelm and Any Other Curious Souls

1. For a wine, to be certified as “kosher,” it must fulfill all the requirements noted in the original questions, except that the grapes need not be grown in Israel. How else could there be any of the excellent New York and California kosher wines? Thus to become kosher, the equipment used must be dedicated exclusively for the making of kosher wine, must only involve Sabbath-observant Jews in its preparation, and must be produced from grapes of just one variety. And if the wine is to be “Passover kosher,” in addition it must be free of yeast or leavening products.

2. Only the second of the statements is true. The first Passover does mark, in a very real sense, the creation of the Israelite people since it defined the “community” as those who took part in this observance. In fact, Exodus 12:19 states that the person who eats leavened food during this time “shall be cut off from the community of Israel.” The commandments about the observance of Pesach (such as the obligation to eat matzah) are not the first ones in the Torah, but they do include the first communal mitzvot, like the requirement to eat together. The very first mitzvah, found in Genesis 1:28, is simply to procreate. Chapter 12 of Exodus stipulates that the meal be held on the fifteenth of the month, at the time of the full (not the new) moon. In the Hebrew calendar, the “day” begins at dusk and the months are lunar months, so Pesach was then and is now celebrated on the evening of the first full moon in spring. We should

recall that the very first Passover took place while the Israelites were still in Egypt, just before the tenth plague and the Exodus itself, so the first Passover did not take place in Canaan. This is the Pesach Mitzraim, the Passover in Egypt. However, the Exodus ended forty years later with the celebration of the second Passover at Gilgal, just outside Jericho, as recounted in Joshua 5:12.

3. All but one of the events cited in this question happened on that one momentous day back in May 14, 1948. Only the UN General Assembly vote for a partition plan for Palestine preceded the other events mentioned. The vote was taken on November 29, 1947 and, thanks in a large part to US President Harry Truman’s urging, it passed 33-13. Nonetheless the tension and guerilla warfare continued in the region until May 14, when a series of events unfolded quickly though not unexpectedly. And the sequence was the same as in the question. Though the British colonial mandate over Palestine was due to end by the 15th, the Union Jack was lowered in Jerusalem early on the morning of Friday the 14th. Hours later, Arab armies were on the attack, with soldiers from Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, and highly trained crack Jordanian troops. The actual establishment of the new state of Israel was marked by David Ben Gurion’s reading of the Scroll of Independence in the Tel Aviv Museum at 4 PM that afternoon. Very soon after, President Truman recognized the new country. So as we remember the birth pangs of our country during Patriot’s Day this April, we can also be reminded of Israel’s struggle as well.

Annual CBE Spring Clean Up Day

Please mark Sunday, April 12, 2009, 9:30 AM to 12 noon on your calendar to join us for this year’s first part of the Spring Clean Up. The high amount of snow and subsequent sanding and plowing has caused some problems to the grounds this year, so we’ll perform a lot of raking and removal of debris on the grounds. A subsequent cleanup day will be scheduled for May 3 to continue with the planting.

RSVP if you can to Matt Liebman at 978-635-9652. Thanks.

Continuing Jewish Life after the Holocaust

Celebrate Shabbat and explore the challenge during our Shabbat services on Friday evening, April 17, the Shabbat preceding Yom Hashoah. We will honor the courage and the memories of those survivors who endured the atrocities of the Shoah and who went on to raise the next generation of the Jewish People. With music, speakers from our CBE community, and reflections from Rabbi Mintz, we will consider the impact of the aftermath of the Shoah on our identities as Jews today. We encourage you to join us for this special commemoration.

Nashoba Valley Hadassah News**Kerry Shrives****508-335-3045 / shrives@charter.net****Rachel Cole in Concert, Sunday, March 29**

See Rachel Cole at 3:00 PM at the Belmont Country Club, Marsh Street, Belmont. Cosponsored by the Nashoba Valley and Arlington-Lexington Chapters of Hadassah, enjoy an afternoon of music featuring Rachel Cole and her band. Listen to a rising star in the inspirational pop/rock music scene for an upbeat and joyous presentation of original Jewish music for families of all ages. Purchase tickets in advance for \$18 from The Westford Toy Store and Learning Express, Acton. Checks made payable to Nashoba Valley Hadassah may also be sent to Judith Salant, 30 Heritage Road, Acton, MA 01720. Tickets are \$20 at the door. Admission includes make-your-own-sundaes following the concert. For Rachel Cole's biography and music samples visit <http://www.rachelcolemusic.com>.

Annual Hadassah Rummage Sale,**Sunday, April 26, 2009**

The annual Rummage Sale will be held at the Tahattawan Masonic Lodge, in Littleton. Support Hadassah by shopping for bargains, or volunteer to help with the sale. Drop-off infants, children's and adult clothing, accessories, toys and small domestic goods, on Friday morning or Saturday evening prior to the sale. Contact Ronit Ben-Shir at rbenshir@hotmail.com or Helaine Katz at hkatz@jccgb.org with questions or to volunteer.

CHECK IT OUT® Volunteer Opportunities,**April 16th at Westford Academy**

Over 10,000 high school students in area schools have participated in this Hadassah sponsored cancer

Pre-Passover Seder Workshop with Rabbi Mintz, Sunday, April 5th, 7:00

Enjoy this opportunity to better understand the background and significance of the various *seder* traditions. This workshop will include a wide variety of readings, materials and seder-leading techniques aimed at helping you make your *seder* more inclusive, meaningful and enjoyable. Included will be methods and resources for involving non-Jewish family members and guests in your *seder*. (Bring your own Haggadah, if you'd like!)

awareness program. Help is needed stuffing packets during daytime and evening sessions. Please contact Phyllis Bloom at Phyllis.bloom@verizon.net or 978-263-7878 or Amy Degen at 978-448-0281 or amyhope@charter.net for information about how you can help.

Dr. Marsha Mirkin, Ph.D,**Thursday, May 14, 2009 at 7:30 PM**

Growth, Possibility and Change: Finding Ourselves in the Story of Eve and Adam, May 14, 2009 at Congregation Beth Elohim. This event is cosponsored by Congregation Beth Elohim Sisterhood, and the Nashoba Valley Chapter of Hadassah. Dr. Marsha Mirkin, Ph.D., will enlighten and entertain with her interpretation of how the story of our biblical foremother Eve has particular relevance to contemporary women. Cost: \$5, light refreshments will be served. For information and to RSVP by email for planning purposes, please contact Doris Goldstein devorahdoragoldstein@gmail.com or Jo Ellen Slurzberg jslurzberg@yahoo.com.

Jewish Summer Camp at Camp Hadar

Camp Hadar, www.camphadar.org, is a co-ed day camp for children ages 4-16 at Captain's Pond, Salem, New Hampshire; a beneficiary of the Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation.

Hadassah Cards & Certificates

Available for life cycle events or for donations, please contact Michelle Jacob at 978-897-1173 or mjacob4088@aol.com.

If you are interested in receiving more information about Hadassah in our area, please contact Caren Boroshok at carenb@yahoo.com or 978-448-0580. For regional information, visit www.nner.hadassah.org. For national information, visit www.hadassah.org. ☆

Tikkun L'el Shavuot

Save May 28th, after Confirmation for our Tikkun L'el Shavuot. Join us studying late into the night! We'll have plenty of cheesecake...

Call Waky at 978-263-1495 if you'd like to teach something, otherwise just come and learn!

"Do not say 'when I have time, I shall study,' for you may never have time." (Pirke Avot)

Israel, Again!**Leann Shamash****978-263-3061**

As my husband and I boarded an Iberian Air flight to Israel in February, it dawned on me that this would be my third trip to Israel over the past year. I had participated in our CBE trip in February/2008, then went for a seminar in Jerusalem during summer/2008 and then on the anniversary of our congregational trip we traveled to Israel once again in February, 2009 to visit our son who is spending a gap year in Israel this year on Young Judaea's Year Course.

Nothing compares to the feeling of the final few minutes of any flight to Israel as the plane crosses the Mediterranean Sea. The flight over the Mediterranean to Israel is fairly short, only a few hours. As the plane begins its descent over the Mediterranean, I see it shimmering far below the plane. I am a "window seat person" and I find myself craning my neck to see the first hint of Israel's Mediterranean seacoast. As the skyline of Tel Aviv's apartment buildings appear, I feel the goose bumps of excitement on my arms. Within seconds we are passing over the beaches of Tel Aviv, and as the plane descends over the orange groves of Tel Aviv's small suburbs and circles to return to the airport we get a glimpse of the round Jerusalem foothills in the distance. Only seconds pass until the plane glides into Ben Gurion International Airport and my fellow passengers break into spontaneous applause.

I know that this moment of applause marks the beginning of a trip that will be rich in the delights of family, connecting with old friends and visual delights. I eagerly await the tasty salads, the vast array of salty cheeses, the fresh breads and the elegant way in which coffee is sold here. A trip to the local *shuk* and supermarket is a lesson in international cuisine. I look forward to slipping into the Hebrew language as best as I can and watching reality shows in Hebrew. (Yes, Israel has its own variety of "The Great Race" and "Israel Idol!") Although it is difficult for me to read, I love to see the Friday newspaper, which is the equivalent to our Sunday paper, arrive at the house and sit on the counter, awaiting a leisurely read over Shabbat. And last, I am so excited to just walk the streets of Holon, or Tel Aviv or Jerusalem on Shabbat. Seeing people sit in their yards, listen to music, taking walks, speaking Hebrew. It is a Zionist's dream come true to see our people at work and at play; creating a melting pot of businesses, dreams, music, writing and reality television.

Only in Israel!

Israel: the country of my dreams, the country that never fails to give me goose bumps. The country where we applaud when we arrive and weep upon departure. Our country of noise, creativity, diversity and potential.

All being well, next year, in February, 2010, our congregation has the opportunity to visit this land; to smell the smells, see the sights and experience Israel for eleven packed days. Please consider joining Rabbi Mintz and other CBE staff members for this trip. If you've been before, then come again. If you've never been, then know that our tour company is professional and thorough and that you'll have the time of your life. We'll share the joy, the sites and maybe even the goose bumps! ☆

JCC Summer Program for Toddlers and Preschoolers

Looking for a fun, engaging program for your young preschooler or toddler? Sign up now for the JCC Early Learning Center Acton Summer Fun program June 22-August 21. Enrolling children ages 20 months to 6 years; choose your weeks and days. Our NAEYC Accredited program provides a developmentally appropriate social, educational and recreational experience including water play, movement, music, cooking, nature adventure, science exploration, arts and crafts and more. Beat the heat with air-conditioned classrooms. Register before April 1 to receive the early bird discount.

The JCC Early Learning Center is a Reggio School inspired by Jewish values. The Reggio Approach is based on social constructivism, believing children bring prior experiences to the group and learn best through relationships and in relation to each other. Children develop many of the characteristics of intelligence: argumentation and explaining, negotiation, the capacity to consider multiple possibilities of the same problem, and the ability to use other points of view as a resource. We are a welcoming and culturally diverse community. Call Ronit Ben-Shir 978-266-9988 to register or schedule a tour. Visit us at www.jccearlylearning.org.

Minyanaires' News**Allan Krueger****978-263-3107 / ajaykrueger@earthlink.net****Be a Modern Day Patriot!**

Patriots Day will be observed on Sunday, April 19th. What better way to be a modern patriot than to respect the old traditions by observing them in the present. CBE will offer you the opportunity to do so on Sunday morning, April 19th at 8:30 AM in the Sanctuary where the *minyán* militia will muster for a spirited Shacharit service. One if by land, two if by sea; I on the opposite *bimah* will be, looking forward to your joining me. ☆

Social Action Committee News**Eddie Rubin****rubin@kenetinc.com****Ellen Maiman****ellenmaiman@yahoo.com**

Our Household Goods Recycling Ministry (HGRM) day in April will not be held due to the fact that it's Easter. Our next work day will be on Sunday, May 3rd. In March we had Ellen, Maida Fund, Orna Shohet and her son Gil, Doug Wood and his daughter Emily, and Deborah Berger and her son Aaron. As you can imagine the number of families needing support is growing so could use more help. Even if you can't make it for all three hours we'd welcome new recruits. As always, please contact Ellen Maiman at ellenmaiman@yahoo.com for more information or to sign up.

A few of us went over to the Lazarus House on Sunday, February 22nd, to help serve lunch. It really is a wonderful experience for adults and kids (4th grade and up) alike. Contact Eddie Rubin, rubin@intersil.com, if you'd like to do something like this in the future.

We will be doing some trail clearing work on Sunday, April 5th, from 2-4 PM, at Acton's historic Wheeler Farm in North Acton. This is a perfect way to spend time outdoors and is great for younger kids. Please email Ann Budner at a_budner@yahoo.com if you'd like to join.

We will be sending a group to the Cor Unum Meal Center in Lawrence to help serve dinner on Easter Sunday, April 12th. For those who didn't get the opportunity to do this last time it's well worth it. For some pictures, check out <http://www.bethelohim.org/socialaction.html>. Contact Karen Coll at karencoll@verizon.net if you are looking for a great way to give back.

In conjunction with the religious school we'll be holding a Passover food drive so people have a

place to donate their chometz. More details to follow, but be on the lookout for food bins the weekend days before Passover, April 4th and 5th.

We are trying to schedule a work day through Habitat for Humanity for Sunday, March 29th, from 1-5 PM in Bedford. If you are interested contact Eddie Rubin at rubin@intersil.com. ☆

Join the Fun with Shalom Friends

Looking for a fun and interactive "parent and me" class with a Jewish twist? The JCCs of Greater Boston is offering our third session of "Shalom Friends," an innovative, award winning program that develops a child's love of Jewish life through song, movement and art.

The one hour, weekly classes are geared towards families with children from birth to five years of age. Children and family members play with instruments, sing, and dance with ribbons and scarves. They even play with alef/bet beach balls while learning about Shabbat, Israel, the holidays and more.

Each family receives an original music CD and song book to enjoy at home or in the car. This is a wonderful way to meet other young families raising Jewish children in the area and to create happy memories with your children.

The new session of Shalom Friends classes led by Maya Minkin will be offered in Acton, at the JCC Early Learning Center, at the synagogue, on Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30 AM, April 1, 8, 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27, and June 3. All are welcome! Families need not be members of the JCC or Early Learning Center to participate.

For more information and to register, please contact Helaine Katz at 978-266-9988 or hkatz@jccqb.org.

Library News**Martin Segal****martinsegal@verizon.net**

Many times in *The Star* I have suggested items which would make good presents to the Library as you honor or remember someone. I would like to add to that list any of the CDs of Hankus Netsky whose programs here were so memorable.

I would also recommend the new books by both Alan Dershowitz (*The Case Against Israel's Enemies*) and Jimmy Carter (*We Can Have Peace*) because we have the earlier books by both men and they are examples of current thinking.

I hope you are all using the on-line catalog. Visit <http://www.bethelohim.org/library> from your home computer, and in the Library follow the directions on the side of the computer. As soon as you open IE you will find an icon on the desktop that leads you to the on-line catalog. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me if you have a problem.

If you forget to leave the orange sign-out card behind, please return it as soon as you can, and if it is still in the book much later on please just leave it. There is no penalty for late returns. A few months ago I mentioned the statistics of missing books over the last few years. Any time you find a CBE book at home, please return it. Again, no penalties. Right now we are particularly looking for *Reading Ruth*.

Two authors recommended to me are Daniel Silva and Vince Flynn who write counterespionage stories that take place all over the world, but particularly, the Middle East. They are fun, easy to read mysteries that I think you will enjoy, and if you care to give the CBE Library your used copies, we would be glad to have them.

I hope by the time you read this we will have a really completely new selection of Sale Books for you, but they will be arriving soon. Your contributions in buying these books are at present our best source of revenue.

I could use more volunteers to work in the Library, either processing new books, which is now easier than before, and also helping with taking inventory to make sure our new on-line catalog agrees with what we have on the shelves. I will accommodate any time you are available.

We are especially looking for a donation of a used, but in good condition, flat screen monitor for the front desk. Let me know if you can help.

A very joyous Pesach to you all. ✧

JCC Early Learning Center Acton Receives Magen Hagan Accreditation

Through Magen Hagan certification, the Bureau of Jewish Education (BJE) recognizes preschools that meet recognized criteria for excellence in Judaic Education and professional development. The Magen Hagan certification is valid for five years. "We commend Ronit Ben-Shir, director of the JCC Early Learning Center Acton for her leadership in bringing the Reggio Emilia approach to the Center," says Naomi Chernin, BJE Early Childhood Consultant. Throughout the Center, there is a high level of respect for children; children are encouraged to develop their problem solving skills; the quality of interactions between staff and children, and between staff demonstrates a *menschlichkeit* (mutual respect). We appreciate the uniqueness of the program in bringing Jewish values to life: integrating new families into the community, personal intake and exit interviews, and inviting parents to be active participants in their child's learning," observes Naomi.

The JCC Early Learning Center Acton is an inclusive community welcoming families of all faiths and cultural diversity. We take pride in our excellent teacher-child ratios and offer special weekly programs as part of our curriculum including music, movement and Israeli dancing.

Part-day and full-day options are available on a school-year basis as well as summer and vacation programs. We offer working parent hours with early drop-off and late pick-up. For more information, please contact Ronit Ben-Shir, Director, at rbenshir@jccgb.org or 978-266-9988 or visit our website at www.jccearlylearning.org.

Chesed Happenings
Ellen Krueger
978-263-3107

To everything there is a season is a familiar line from the Bible. It's true. We all have a season to celebrate. A season to mourn. A season to be well. A season to be ill. Let's not forget there is also a season to help and a season to seek some help. The Chesed Committee is there for both. If you're in the season of needing a little assistance, please let us know. It might be a ride, short-term help with meals during an illness or inability to get around? Need help grocery shopping? That's the kind of assistance the Chesed Committee is there to provide. It's confidential. It's there to give you a boost when it's necessary. Please let us help if you are in need of it. Send email to George Schaffer at chesed@bethelohim.org or call him at 978-263-4341 to get the ball rolling.

The Chesed Committee still needs help in one area. If you know of news the CBE Community should know, please call the office or send an email to chesed@bethelohim.org. We want to help the Beth Elohim community be aware of what's going on in the lives of fellow congregants via this article. That way members can send a note of congratulations, encouragement, or sympathy to those in the community who would appreciate it. Please pass your news along. If we don't know about it, we can't share it.

- Condolences to Grace Weitzner on the death of her father, Michael Pompilio.
- Condolences to George Morton on the death of his father Jerome (Jim) Morton. We extend our condolences to Lauren, Jeremy and Max Rosenzweig as well.
- Condolences to Harold Salant on the death of his mother, Mrs. Priscilla Salant.
- Mazal tov to David and Chips Naparstek on the engagement of their son Mark to Ember Sloss.
- Condolences to Emil Chaiuzzi and family

on the death of his mother, Concetta Chiauuzzi. ✧

Fund Raising News
Ellen Valade

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"My Big Fat Purim Party" was a wonderful evening! Another fun night at CBE.

The Purim Shpielers were amazing! We are so lucky to have so much talent here!

The evening could not have been such a success without the talent and contributions of all who helped:

We thank Sarah Bloomstone, Ariella Honig and Sarah Liebman for donating their time and effort in the kitchen and all over!

And we thank the grown ups too: Sue Abrams, Michele Barabash, Pam and David Barrat, Barbara Bell, Marlene and Jeff Bergart, Alan Berko, Judy Budiansky, Ina Burdine, Karen Capland, Susanne Drugge, Renee Esecson, Deena Ferrara, Linda Friedman, Marvin Gould, Susan Gruskay, Deb and Steve Heller, Bob Hirsch (Grapevine Liquors), Marcy and Don Hoban, Barry Jordan, Suzanne Kabakoff, Honi Kawut, Sari and David Kelly, Laura Kelmar, Shelley Klein, Marty Krasnick, Ellen and Allan Krueger, Pam and David Kurtzer, Susan Lerner, Steve Levitsky, Sima and Terry Maitland, Julie McCall, Barbara Michaelsen, Linda and Sarah Minkoff, Rabbi Lewis Mintz, Debbie and John Murphy, Charlie Namias, Chips and David Naparstek, Beth Schragar, Sue Seger, Leann Shamash, Orna Shohet, Lauren and Len Solomon (our own juggler), Mitchell Sprung, Vanessa Volinsky, Marlene and Tom Wachtell, Sue Wachter, Ray Yacouby, and Miriam Zyskind.

We have had some splendid events this year. Thank you all for attending and contributing. But it has been a tough year for fund raising. We will be contacting you shortly with more ideas to help meet our fund raising goal by June. We hope you can respond. Thank you. ✧



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To the General Fund for the High Holy Day Appeal from:

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Martin Segal, in memory of his father, who would have turned 100 this month

To the School Fund from:

Linda & Denis Friedman, with love to Naomi Mintz as she recites Shehecheyanu on her 60th birthday

Leann Shamash, in memory of Harold Salant's mother, Priscilla Salant

Leann Shamash, in memory of Cesar Habif's mother-in-law

To the Chesed Fund from:

Steven & Dorothy Sussman, in honor of the 95th birthday of Grete Weinberg

Barbara Epstein & David Caplan, in appreciation for Cantor Spierer's warm assistance in helping Michaela prepare for Bat Mitzvah

To the Adult Education Fund from:

Linda & Denis Friedman, with a warm Mazal Tov to Sal Lopes on his Bar Mitzvah

WERS, 88.9 FM, broadcasts Yiddish and Contemporary Israeli Music, Sundays, 8:00-11:00 AM.

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Karen & Carl Siegel, in honor of Lauren Krueger's engagement to Matthew David Brozik

Karen & Carl Siegel, in memory of Harold Salant's mother, Priscilla Salant

Francine & Harold Perry, in memory of Julia Jordan, mother of Barry Jordan

Iris Stutman, in celebration of Naomi Katz Mintz' 60th birthday

Iris Stutman, in honor of Emily Goldstein's engagement to Ted Macnow

Ilene & Stan Burwick, in honor of Emily Goldstein's engagement to Ted Macnow

Ilene & Stan Burwick, in memory of Sandy Hersh

To the Stuart Markowitz Fund from:

Adelle Markowitz, in memory of Alice Lacey

To the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund from:

Arlene & Kent Issenberg, with thanks to Rabbi Mintz, Cantor Spierer, Barbara Rennert, Judy Kramer and the CBE Choir for all they contributed in making Jessie's Bat Mitzvah a beautiful and meaningful service

To the Amy Naparstek Fund from:

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