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BULLETIN FROM THE BOARD

OK, so they flew the nest - now what?

It has now been 15 years since the last of our children left home to start lives of their own. At the time it was both a relief and a sorrow. Initially Sue (my wife) and I looked forward to spontaneous travel without having to think about making dinner; or perform other service functions for our children. Which brings up an interesting point, at what time did "servant" tasks creep into the job description of "parent" especially of older teenage children? It is amazing how philosophical we get in retrospect.

Our first opportunity for spontaneity as empty nesters arrived with a job offer I could not refuse; which meant leaving New Jersey to live in Los Angeles. After we got there, and settled in, the urge to serve and be helpful came back with a vengeance. It is not that we had too much time on our hands, that never happened, but our focus certainly changed.

We joined a local synagogue and began to volunteer and participate in its offerings. I found myself doing something I never imagined myself doing; I enrolled in a B'nai Mitzvah class. At 50, I was neither the oldest nor the youngest of the nine people in the class. We all shared one thing in common, an eagerness to expand our horizons. Within four weeks of the "event" I had a skiing accident I would prefer to forget that landed me in a wheel chair for a prolonged period of time. Members of the group and the Rabbi "home schooled" me to be certain that I was up to speed (without the risk to life and limb). The support I received in this time of need was an inspiration.

Perhaps this example is trivial in comparison to those who are sick or suffering events of greater impact. However, the entire B'nai Mitzvah process was a wonderful experience, especially as I was chosen to make the group presentation. On the big day I made the presentation with one leg pointing at the audience to a "standing room only" turn-out. As an annual Temple event, it was easily one of the best attended, and a wonderful example of community spirit.

After some years, Sue and I returned to NJ and became members of the JCC of Belle Mead, and I later became a board member. I found the board to consist of a group of individuals who are enthusiastic, involved, and committed to making a difference. We are committed to making the JCC grow, and be dynamic. However, it our reliance on member volunteers that makes the difference; plus we have an "empty nesters" Havurah,

I have a simple take home message: please volunteer and participate in JCC activities. You are certain to be well rewarded with a sense of accomplishment and pride when you make something happen. As experienced individuals you can effectively lead our community and make it even more dynamic. To younger readers; encourage your parents to join us at the JCC. Please call the Rabbi, Michelle Brown, or any board member, to discuss how the JCC of Belle Meade can contribute to your life.

Probably the best way to get to know us is to attend Friday evening services. There is always an oneg following the service where you can meet other JCC members, and ask questions.

Jeremy Lerner Trustee

PURIM CARNIVAL

SUNDAY MARCH 19 at 1:00 to 3:00

Games, Prizes, Crafts, Food! Come one, Come all

Admission - \$4.00

Pizza on sale

Contact Audrey Starkman for more information 908 904-0432 or bdsfirs@aol.com

Youth Group News/Hebrew High

HEBREW HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

In February the Wednesday Hebrew High students began to plan for the March 19th Purim carnival. The teens and I brainstormed ideas for games and crafts for the annual carnival. We trekked upstairs to the balcony and rummaged through the Purim boxes in the attic discovering which of the games and crafts could be reused for this year and which needed to be replaced. They inventoried the prize box and made notes on what type of new prizes they plan to purchase. In the coming weeks the class will continue to prepare for the carnival.

Wednesday's class also had the opportunity to learn more Jewish history from Ms. Barbara Lehman. They discussed Kristallnacht during one class. Another week they watched the documentary, *From Swastika to Jim Crow*, a film about two different groups of people who adapted and even flourished in difficult and often harsh circumstances. Gabe told me that the film showed one interview with an African American man who attended a Jewish summer camp. When he returned home and told his friends about the Jews and their experiences, they wouldn't believe that Jews were white. They thought that based on the oppression that Jews faced that they must have the same skin color as themselves. Thank you Barbara for broadening our teens world during your classroom discussions and through the materials you choose for them.

On the last week of February, Jim Ohls was our guest teacher. He lead a discussion about food stamps and tzedekah. Thank you, Jim, for your insightful presentation and for your willingness to share your knowledge with the class.

Rabbi Tayvah began to plan for the Purim spiel with the class. Susan Waskow and the teens talked about Jewish heroes and made plans for a presentation to the younger grades. Using Randy Cohen's column, *The Ethicist* from the Sunday New York Times, the teens and I debated various ethical situations during two class periods.

Thanks to Carrie Fischman and Tom Berger for purchasing pizza and beverages for the Wednesday sessions during February.

Thursday's Hebrew High School class continued to study with Rabbi Tayvah during their weekly two hour session. Plans got underway for this year's Purim spiel during February. The class decided on an interesting setting to this traditional tale. Mark your calendars now for the performance of the teen production of the Purim story to be held this year on March 13th. It sounds like it will be another memorable evening!

Thursday's class also had the opportunity to learn about food stamps and tzedekah with Jim Ohls. Jim generously lead a discussion with the Thursday class On February 23rd. Thanks, Jim. If you would like to volunteer your time and share your knowledge or interest with the teens, please email me. Our program is enriched by the participation by the wider community.

March Hebrew High School calendar:

Wednesdays:	Thursdays:
March 1	March 2
March 8	March 9
March 15	March 16
March 22	March 23
March 29	March 30

JCCBM YOUTH GROUP

The first week of February the JCCBM Youth group traveled to Bridgewater to see the play, *Two Women*. Written by Rita Ben-Or, this poignant comedy was a study in female relationships within four generations of a Jewish family. Maya, the grandmother, was expertly played by JCCBM's own, Sheryl Rosenberg. Some of the funniest scenes of the evening were between Maya and her mother. Between scenes the jazz group, The Blue Cats, entertained the audience. Many thanks to Sheryl Rosenberg for telling us about the play and for Natalie London for helping to coordinate the event.

A shul-in on the last Saturday of February was the highlight of the month for some of the teen participants. Many thanks to Heidi Zorde for chaperoning this all night event. The evening began with a planning meeting with the youth group leaders. Dinner followed. Rabbi Tayvah lead a short havdalah service in the sanctuary. The JCCBM's new projector was used for the evening's entertainment. The teens watched a film and had the evening to enjoy each other's company in a relaxed setting. Thanks to all of those who worked to make this event a reality. Dates for future events are listed below:

SAVE THE DATE: March 19 from 1:00-3:00 Purim Carnival

The teens of JCCBM with the help of Audrey Starkman will be running the annual Purim carnival. Please mark your calendar now and plan to come and help make this year's carnival a success. We need teens to handle the craft booths, to run the games, and to work in the kitchen selling pizza. Contact Audrey Starkman at bdsfrs@aol.com to volunteer.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, April 23

MS Walk. The annual MS Walk is scheduled for this day. Details will follow.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, May 7 - 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Spring Open House for JCCBM. The youth group will once again be organizing a car wash and bake sale for the congregation. We're currently looking for a coordinator for this event. Please email me if you are able to coordinate this event or to help.

RECONSTRUCTIONIST REGIONAL YOUTH GROUP

February's laser tag date fell on the same evening as the blizzard of '06. With snow falling steadily the youth event was understandably cancelled and will be rescheduled for a Saturday evening in April. Look below for a calendar of upcoming events.

Saturday, March 11: Teen Israel Retreat

7th - 10th graders from all over the Mid-Atlantic region of Noar Hadash (the Reconstructionist youth group) will gather for a one-day teen retreat entitled, "Israel: The People, The Places, The Connections." This Retreat begins on Saturday, March 11 at 9:00 a.m. and concludes on Saturday night at 6:00 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Cost will be \$18.

SAVE THE DATE: March 26 - afternoon

Rock climbing at Rockville in Hamilton. Cost \$15 per person.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday evening, April 8

Laser tag - Princeton Junction. Rescheduled from February.

SAVE THE DATE: Monday, April 17 late morning

TASK volunteering. Trenton Area Soup Kitchen

Details to all of the above events will be emailed prior to each event to youth group members from Alissa Wise. Alissa is the youth group advisor to the Reconstruction Regional Youth Group. All teens are welcome and encouraged to participate. If you want to attend one of the events and are not on Alissa's email list, please email me at kfridkis@comcast.net to be added to the list.

Shalom,

Karen Fridkis, Hebrew High School chair

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Hebrew School Happenings

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March 2006

3/1 Class Wed- *Music*
 3/5 Class Sun cooking- *Music*
 3/8 Class Wed cooking
 3/12 Class **Dance** - craft- Shabbat k-4
 3/15 Class Wed- **trip to Acorn Glen**
 3/19 Class Sun - Sun Purim Carnival
 after second session
 3/22 Class Wed
 3/26 Class Sun- *Music*
 3/29 Class Wed



If you are able to drive your child and/or other students to Acorn Glen on March 15th, we really need you. Please contact me and let me know that you can make it. The kids will be interviewing the residents to learn about other Jewish communities and generations. We will also be delivering Shalach Manot to the residents in our continuing effort to give the children opportunities to participate in Tikun Olam (Repairing the World), gemilut chasadim (Acts of Lovingkindness), and kibud zekanim (Honoring our Elders).

The Fifth Graders staged a beautiful mock wedding between two teddy bears in the beginning of February. The rabbi, Jeremy Bilotti, did a wonderful job officiating. It was great to get to watch as the children learned about weddings by planning for and creating a wedding. There were many parts played, including the necessary Bride and Groom, caterer, and photographer. Everyone was involved, and we had some help from the Hebrew Chai (they were tall enough to hold up the chuppah!).

Robynn Mann, Sima Sherman, and I had the opportunity to go and meet with other Reconstructionist Educators in Philadelphia on Sunday February 5, 2006. In addition to seeing a beautiful synagogue and meeting our colleagues, we also learned a great deal about Tzedakah (Charity in the form of money or money equivalents) and G'meloot Chesed (acts of loving-kindness). We learned that these are separate mitzvot, and both are very powerful. Without the monetary gifts, often we would not be able to complete the acts of loving-kindness (shelters, educational programs, etc.). Without people willing to complete the acts of loving-kindness (volunteering in schools, shelters, etc) the money donations would be for naught. In order to help our children understand why we give and where we give, it is important to start a dialogue. One way is to give your child the opportunity to send a check to a favorite charity in the amount of number of years your child is celebrating on a birthday (so a ten-year-old would get to send a \$10 check). That child could help address the envelope, put on the stamp and put it in the mailbox. Another way is to give allowance money in three chunks- one amount to spend, another amount to save, and a third amount to give to charity.

At this conference, I also ran into some former congregants. Marcy, Sam and Abby Schwartz send their best regards and have promised to come and visit, soon. I met with Rabbi Lazarus-Klein, who is the Rabbi in Bordentown's Beth Abraham, and I am delighted to say that he welcomes our families to share in his

congregation's monthly Tot Shabbat. If you are interested in joining him, I would be happy to find out more for you.

Thanks!

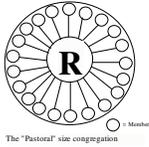
- to Emily Campeas for working in the office and helping to wrap up the bookfair.
- to Iris Rubenstein, for coordinating the Tu B'shvat Seder details
- to Mrs. Brandwein for organizing the closet under the stairs.
- Eric Weitze, Nancy Javeline, Jane Shapiro, Nancy Riggio, and Holly Nelson for setting up, cutting fruit, serving fruit, pouring gallons of grape juice, and cleaning up at the Tu B'shvat seder.
- To Andrea Bradley for sending out reminders and keeping the Tallit making project alive.
- To everyone who has made a point to come in the building and stay for Tefilot so that the Rabbi can say Kaddish for his father.
- To Steve Weinstein, Hy Grossman and Lisa Kent for all of their tireless energy working on the Hebrew School Budget for next year.
- To Susan Waskow and Karen Fridkis for volunteering to cover the Hebrew School on 2/5 so that I could join my staff at the Mid-Atlantic Reconstructionist Educators' Day in Philadelphia. This is too short a space to thank these two women for everything that they do including but not limited to running Hebrew Chai, teaching Hebrew Chai, sitting on the education committee, and the list goes on...
- To Rabbi Tayvah and Debbie Grauer for covering for me and Mr. Silverii when I was out sick and Mr. Silvieri had a flat tire.

Shabbat Superstars

Last Name	First Name	Grade	Early/Late
Goldhammer	Lea	K	Late
Kowalski	Tess	1	Late
Waskow	Dorothy	1	Early
Weitze	Jack	1	Early
Weiss	Dorothy	2	Late
Applegate	Ben	3	Early
Rosenthal	Jason	3	Early
Underberg-Davis	Rachel	3	Late
Weitze	Jason	3	Early
Weiss	Nancy	4	Late
Weitze	Scott	4	Early
Bilotti	Jeremy	5	Late
Klinger	Daniel	5	Late
Applegate	Marissa	6	Early
Gavzy	Erica	6	Early
Himelfarb	Joshua	6	Early
Konkowski	Jaclyn	6	Late
Mostel	Jadmin	6	Late
Reed	Kimberly	6	Late
Starkman	David	6	Early
Thompson	Jamie	6	Late
Underberg-Davis	Rebecca	6	Late
Van Peenen	Mia	6	Late
Grollman	Scott	7	
Weisblatt	Robert	7	
Fridkis	Gabe	8	
Thompson	Emily	9	
Fridkis	Jake	9+	
Yuresko	Jonathan	9+	

Size and how we run our synagogue

A year ago I wrote in these pages about how the size of a congregation determines what organizational structure works best. In that column I noted that the JCC of Belle Mead had grown quickly in its early years to being a **"pastoral"** size congregation, and as is normal in a pastoral-size community the relationships were centered on the rabbi (R). As rabbi, Shana was the gatekeeper of the community. New members usually come into the congregation through a personal relationship with her. At that size, she was able, to personally know everyone in the community. These are the normal relationships in a pastoral-size congregation.

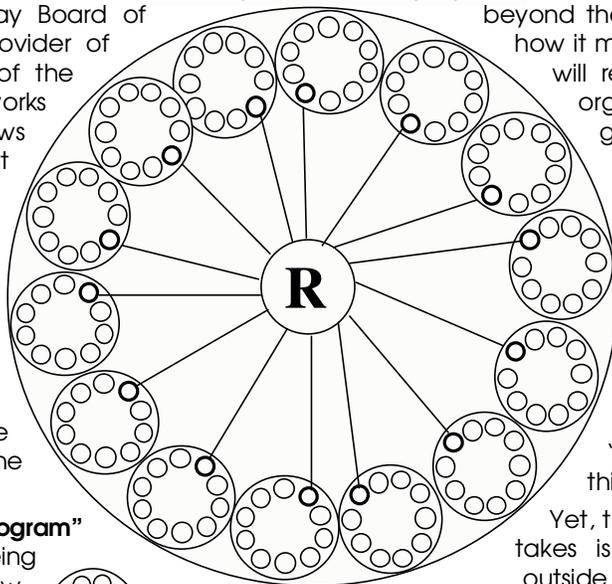


The "Pastoral" size congregation

In that size of a synagogue's system, much of the community's day-to-day functioning is on the rabbi's shoulders with a proportional lessening of the burden of leadership from the lay Board of Trustees. The rabbi is the sole provider of pastoral care, and does much of the programming. This arrangement works well until the congregation grows above ±150 member units. At that time, **a shift in culture and governance is called for.**

Above 150 member households the rabbi can no longer intimately know everyone in the community; there are simply too many people for any one person to hold in their heart and mind. The solution? More people need to be brought into the leadership team.

The next size is called a **"Program" congregation**. Rather than being attracted to the rabbi, new members are drawn by the quality programming directed to various populations (youth, empty-nesters, couples, singles, etc. ...) offered by the congregation. **The rabbi's task**, in the words of Fr. Alice Mann in her book *Raising the Roof: The Pastoral to Program Transition* (Alban Institute 2001, p. 7), **"is to recruit, equip and inspire a small circle of key program leaders — lay and (professional), paid and unpaid."** (See the central diagram.)



= a cluster of members; a "havurah"

The professional leaders work together with a group of roughly 50 lay leaders to manage the programming of the community. It is one of the paradoxes of Rev. Alvin Routhage's research on congregational size and dynamics, is that **the Program size congregation demands the greatest lay involvement of all the sizes!** This involvement requires more hands-on work by lay members and a shift in how individual members are known in the community. In the Program congregation caring for one another shifts to a joint lay-rabbinic system where trained lay people take on the critically important tasks of nurturing the community, albeit in smaller segments. (Again, see the central diagram.)



What happens if a community grows beyond the size boundary without changing how it manages its community? The system will resist change. By not changing its organizational structure with its growth, typically the congregation will shrink down to within the numbers for its historic mode of operation. Some congregations oscillate back and forth growing beyond the boundary only to bounce back time and again. The stress of growth followed by shrinkage has destroyed many congregations. Most often this happens at the "Pastoral" to "Program" border. For some reason this is the most difficult transition of all.

Yet, this danger can be overcome! All it takes is some knowledge, openness to outside help and a good sense of humor being a Program congregation from a Pastoral one. The advantages are many. At a slightly larger size our congregation will be able to do more for all of our members and the surrounding community. At the same time we will be able to restore some the community caring and intimacy that have been hallmarks of this community since its inception. *Michael Tayvah*

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Now in its 12th full year, the JCCBM's non-sectarian pre-school for children 2-1/2 to 5 years old, offers a unique atmosphere, giving children a chance to explore, create, and, most importantly, learn to think and reason.

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Jewish Community

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African Drumming Just for the Fun of It

Where: Shimon and Sara Birnbaum JCC
775 Talamini Road, Bridgewater
When: Sunday, March 19, 2006 – 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM
Fee: \$ 5.00

Have you ever played an African drum or created music with a rain stick? It's a great way to release stress and tension and have fun. Join us as percussionist David Malchman shows us how to create joyful music together as a community. You don't have to be musical to participate! Men, women and teens are welcome.

Creating a Joyful Sound: Kabbalah Kirtan

When: Sunday, March 5, 2006 – 4:00 to 5:30 PM
Where: Shimon and Sara Birnbaum JCC
775 Talamini Road, Bridgewater
Fee: Suggested Donation: \$ 10

Ohr Tikvah Jewish Healing Center and Shimon and Sara Birnbaum Jewish Community Center will present a special musical program of Kabbalah Kirtan that fuses together the chanting traditions from the Middle East and India with sacred Jewish mystical traditions. The program will feature the beautiful voice of professional vocalist Susan Deikman and the harmonium, bamboo flutes, bass and drums. Members of the audience will be invited to participate in a call-and-response chanting of simple, repetitive melodies. Please call 908-725-6994 for reservations. Tickets also will be available at the door.

Spiritual and Emotional Strength for Parents of Children with Chronic Illness or Disability

Where: Flemington Jewish Community Center
40 East Main Street, Flemington
When: Sunday, March 26, 2006 - 2:00 to 3:30 PM

Rabbi Evan Jaffe, spiritual leader of Flemington Jewish Community Center and a Clinical Social Worker, along with a clinician who works with parents of children with chronic illness or disability, will address some of the issues that arise for parents who have children with such special needs, and provide practical strategies and spiritual resources to help parents feel less alone and overwhelmed. The presentation will be moderated by Howard Mangel, EdD, a psychologist and an Ohr Tikvah Board member. Discussion topics will include adaptation of Jewish rituals and rites of passage to allow children with a chronic illness or disability to become full members of their Jewish community; and spiritual and psychosocial problem solving to help support parents of children who require, over time, a high level of care.

Jewish LIFE

SAVE THE DATE FOR JEWISH LIFE NIGHT OF LEARNING

Jewish LIFE presents **A Night of Learning** on **Saturday, March 4th**, at **7 p.m.** This community-wide evening of study will bring Rabbis from across the Jewish LIFE family to share wit, wisdom and insights in areas of their interest and passion. This program will offer the opportunity for everyone to study and learn with many of the rabbis who are dedicated to Jewish LIFE's mission to bring meaningful and exciting learning to our community. The evening will include the chance to socialize, a joint celebration of Havdalah, marking the end of Shabbat, and two study sessions with the rabbis. Watch for more information detailing this community-wide learning opportunity. Please RSVP to JCC Assistant Executive Director Laura Friedman at 908-725-6994 x213; LFriedman@ssbjcc.org.

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MARCH 2006



Happy Purim!

What's going on at the JCC of Belle Mead, NJ?

March 2006

1 Adar 5766 - 2 Nisan 5766

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 1 Adar ROSH HODESH II Num. 28.1-15. Leeba"n & 8/9 Hebrew Chai Schools 5 - 7 PM	2 2 Adar 10 - 12 Hebrew Chai School 5 - 7 PM	3 3 Adar 5:35PM 7 PM Story Telling Shabbat Service	4 4 Adar 6:39PM Terumah: Exo. 26.1-26.30. I Kings 6.1-13. 9:45 am Shaharit service - Robert Weisblatt celebrates becoming a Bar Mitzvah
5 5 Adar Leeba"n School 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	6 6 Adar	7 7 Adar	8 8 Adar Leeba"n & 8/9 Hebrew Chai Schools 5 - 7 PM	9 9 Adar 10 - 12 Hebrew Chai School 5 - 7 PM	10 10 Adar 5:43PM 7:45 PM Food for thought Shabbat Service	11 11 Adar 6:47PM Tetzaveh: Exo. 28.31- 29.18. Shabbat Zakhor Deut. 25.17-19. I Samuel 15.1-23
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