



Congregation Kehilat Shalom News

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OUTDOOR CLASSROOM NEARS COMPLETION



(L-R) Scouts Ian Burton and Brian Rosenberg, and parent Andy Burton, check their work on the teacher's table for the outdoor classroom.

Finishing touches are underway at the Temple's new outdoor classroom, designed and built by Brian Rosenberg, as his Eagle Scout project.

Throughout the project, Brian has been assisted by fellow scouts, friends and parents from Boy Scout Troop 89 in Hillsborough. The classroom, on the east side of the building, has benches (that easily convert to tables) and a teacher's table, and is surrounded by a split rail fence and new shrubs.

Brian began the project in the spring when he received design approval from the Temple's Board of Trustees. He made a presentation at the annual meeting on May 21, and has since raised more than \$2,000 from members. Construction began in early

August.

It is not too late to donate to the outdoor classroom. Money is still needed to finish the project and establish a small maintenance fund. It's easy to donate by buying a "virtual bench." Whole benches are \$200, half benches are \$100, and quarter benches are \$50. Send your donation to the Temple and be sure to write "Eagle Scout Project" in the memo space on your check.



Brian (middle), along with fellow scouts and friends, clears the site for the outdoor classroom.

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Committee Happenings



The Café Kehilat Shalom is proud to report that at year-end it donated \$250 to the Leeba'h Religious School, and is planning \$100 additional donations to the synagogue. In addition, a donation was made to Mazon, the Jewish project to end hunger. It was a wonderful project to get the café off the ground last spring and those of us who participated had a lot of fun together while providing a great service for our religious school families and other members. We are looking forward to a great year this year and hope everyone will come to buy fresh bagels and coffee at the café, schmooze with us for a while, and even possibly attend some informal adult education sessions on Sunday mornings. We could also use more help at the café, especially between sessions and during late session, so if you are available and interested, please contact Meryl Bisberg 908-874-8970, mbisberg@patmedia.net or contact Michelle Brown at the temple office or michelle@jccbm.org. Looking forward to seeing you back at the café on Sunday, September 10!

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT TEMPLE BEAUTIFICATION

Several members who donated to the temple beautification fundraiser in June were unable to attend the event.

Members Peter and Hilary Crist are hosting a "make up" date for those people and they are opening up their homes to others who wish to attend. The wine and cheese party will take place on Sunday, October 8th at 4PM. You are welcome to make a tax-free contribution (suggested donation is \$140 per family, but other amounts are accepted) and attend.

Enjoy the fall colors surrounding a house in the woods - with the mesmerizing sound of trickling water in the background. Lush shade gardens and lovely water features please the eye and a home that might be in *Architecture Digest* or *House Beautiful* beckons you to explore its unique rooms. This unusual home is set on three wooded acres in Hunterdon county -- just 30 minutes due west from Congregation Kehillat Shalom (JCCBM).

Even if you cannot attend, we hope you will donate a tax-free contribution.

House/office tours will be conducted throughout the afternoon. The event will be held rain or shine. Hope to see many of you there! To RSVP, contact Michelle@jccbm.org and get directions.



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BOOK CLUB

Hello one and all,

This month's book is Jodi Picoult's new book "The Tenth Circle" is being held at Susan Lerner's home on June 26, 2006 at 7:45pm

Susan and Jeremy Lerner

15 Downbury Ct

Hillsborough NJ 08844

(corner Auten and Triangle - in New Center Green Apts)

Let Sue know if you will be attending and if you need directions. Sue Lerner 908-904-0228

I would like to update my book club list, so folks even though we always look forward to hearing and seeing you, please e-mail me if you want me to remove you from this list.

Thanks, Natalie

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Temple member.

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Brian installs a railing for the new fence that will surround the outdoor classroom.

While donations will be accepted anytime, only donations received by September 5 can be included on the commemorative plaque that will be placed in the classroom. If you have any questions, call Brian at 908.874.8283.

We gratefully acknowledge the generous donations from the following Temple members and friends (as of August 18):

Stacey Bachrach
Andrea and Patrick Bradley
Thelma and Dick Canty
Hilary and Peter Crist
Bob and Peggy Fass
Debbie Grauer and Richard Gopstein (to Brian Rosenberg, and the innovative spirit in us all)
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Hebrew School Happenings

2006-2007

September

10 Sunday- Back to School- *Cooking*

13 Wednesday- Back to School
Cooking

17 Sunday- High Holiday Theater
Workshop

20 Wednesday

24 Sunday Rosh Hashana No School

27 Wednesday

I am eagerly anticipating the coming month. There are so many wonderful things happening in the newly named "Kehilat Shalom Hebrew School". We have many new staff members, all of whom come with lots of experiences teaching and/or living in the Jewish world.

The first day of school is September 10th. Please come to the Congregation at 10 AM for the early session and 11:45 for the late session. There will be a short talk with the Rabbi and Dori and then you will have the opportunity to see your children and their teachers.

If you have already signed up for a volunteer position, thank you. You will get a call to remind you of your commitment. If you haven't had a chance to sign up, yet, please send Dori an email and let her know what you would like to do and when you would like to do it.

If your child's old Hebrew School back pack has gotten damaged or lost, please consider buying a new one. The new bags are full sized, expandable and have the new name on the side. They are \$10 and will be available through the Hebrew School office.

Please make sure to check the bulletin every month to see the list of Shabbat Superstars, upcoming events, and pictures of your children having fun while learning.

L'shana Tova oometukah (for a good and sweet New Year),



2006 – 2007 KEHILAT SHALOM HEBREW SCHOOL TEACHERS

Rita Ravid, K-2 and Conversational Hebrew



Ms. Ravid is the mother of 4. She is fluent in Hebrew, English, and Russian. She also teaches at Soloman Schecter in East Brunswick. She is enthusiastic and knowledgeable.

Sima Sherman, Hebrew Studies 3rd and 4th Grade



Sima has taught at the Kehilat Shalom Hebrew School for 12 years and has taught every subject with excellent results. She is excited to be able to focus on teaching Hebrew Language.

Gitit Burbea, Jewish Studies 3rd and 4th Grade

Gitit has taught in many different schools for many years. She taught at Anshe Emet in South River under the direction of Vera Gallied, our current Israeli Dance teacher. Her list of references is long and exciting.

Robynn Mann, Jewish Studies 5th and 6th Grade



Robynn is in her second year teaching at the Kehilat Shalom Hebrew School. Her favorite project last year was the wax museum. The entire school benefited from the experience. She is excited looking forward to another wonderful year.

Leslie Weiner, Hebrew Studies 5th and 6th Grade

Leslie comes to us with years of experience as an educator. She has taught every Jewish subject at every grade level. She will also compliment to our Hebrew High program.

Anna Ostrovsky, 7th Grade Hebrew Studies



Anna came from Israel almost two years ago. She taught 4th grade last year at Congregation Knesset Israel. This year she will continue teaching the 6th and 7th grade at Knesset Israel. She is a full time pharmacy student. Anna came to Israel from Kiev, Ukraine when she was 6 years old. Anna entered the Israeli Navy after completing 12th grade. For two years of high school, she volunteered to teach 3rd and 4th grade students whose parents were drug addicted. Her classes involve a lot of art projects besides studying text materials.

Shira Billet, 7th Grade Jewish Studies

Shira is in her third year at Princeton. She also works on a rescue squad. She has worked at Kehilat Shalom Hebrew School as a substitute teacher in the past and we are delighted that she has accepted a permanent position. Shira reads and writes in Hebrew and has an extensive Jewish studies background.

Debbie Grauer, Music



Debbie is a member of Kehilat Shalom. This is her third year teaching music here. In the past, she taught music at Anshe Emet in South River, was the music director at Camp Galil, and directed youth group variety shows on Kibbutz Maagan Michael in Israel.

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SALES REPRESENTATIVE

The summer past, the autumn to come: At the turning of another year



Summer notes:

I don't pretend to know what everyone of our members did this summer, but I have heard about some of the adventures some of our members had during this vacation season. Please contact me if you'd like to share your adventures with our community! We enrich and strengthen our community through the sharing of our lives.

I'll start with our younger community members.

Some of the young people in our community did some amazing things this past summer! **Andrea Goldman** traveled to Thailand and Vietnam with *Global Routes* (<http://www.globalroutes.org>). After an orientation to Thailand, she lived with a rural Thai family (with another participant from the program), took part in a community service project and experienced how people far away live their lives. At the end of a month in Thailand she traveled to Hanoi, Vietnam and experienced another south Asian country and its culture.

Nick Bradley travel "down-under" to New Zealand and Australia with *People to People* a student ambassador program. For 20 days he traveled in eastern Australia and the north island of New Zealand learning about these English speaking yet very different countries.

I'm sure both of them have stories to share about their travels; it would be wonderful to hear them!

Julia Gopstien and **Uriel Tayvah** spent part of their summers at *Camp Galil* in eastern Pennsylvania. Galil is part of *Habonim D'ror* – a labor Zionist youth movement – which runs seven summer camps across the USA and Canada. (for more on Habonim see: <http://www.habonimdror.org/>)

My family and I attended the National Havurah Committee's (NHC) Summer Institute, held at Franklin Pierce College in Rindge, NH. I was teaching a course (on Portuguese Sefardi Judaism) and with my mother joining us, it was an opportunity for three generations to share an education and inspiring Jewish week together. I was briefly on the NHC board of directors in the early 1990's; it was wonderful to reconnect, after an absence of 13 years, with that diverse and geographically spread out Jewish community.

The children I knew back then have now graduated college and are launching their own lives. (One even has a son of his own now!) About one-third of the 350 people attending were people 30 years old and younger. A number of these young people also taught classes, led the Shabbat prayer services and took an active part in running the Institute.

The adults I reconnected with there have, like me, weathered the changes most of us can expect to go through from middle age on: the decline of a parent's health, the death of a parent, the fullness of a career or the challenges of work life headed in an unexpected direction. Some of my older friends at the NHC are

entering retirement age. Some even mentioned the life-cycle event of qualifying for Medicare.

What I experienced in returning after over a decade was a sense of the larger flow of our lives and how essential it is to have a community in which to share life's joys, challenges and sorrows. That community exists for seven days a year in one location and the in the cybershtetl of the Jewish internet the other 51 weeks. Yet it links people together in a profound way.

And what of our community? Are we a community in which we actively support people to develop connections between individuals and families? Have we thought through how to attract young people to our community? Do we value their contributions? Are we building a multi-generational web of caring and support wherein we can live out our lives by loving and being loved by our fellow community members? As we enter the autumn and the Awesome Days, we each should take time to think about our synagogue community and how we can make it a spiritual community.



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Upcoming Events...

Drawing Strength from Belief and Spirit with Rabbi David Glicksman

When: Tuesday, September 26 – 1:00 PM
Where: Shimon and Sara Birnbaum Jewish Community Center

With the New Year upon us, Rabbi David Glicksman from the Central New Jersey Jewish Home for the Aged will engage participants in an informal discussion about spiritual healing, as we reflect on the past year and our hopes for the coming year. The program is geared to seniors, but all are welcome to attend. Rabbi Glicksman has spoken about Religion, Spirituality and Medicine at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and will bring a rich perspective to the discussion.

Coping with Loss - Bereavement Support Group

When: Thursday evenings, 7:00 to 8:30 PM –
September 7 and 21; October 5 and 19,
November 2 and 16

Where: Jewish Family Service, 150 West High Street,
Somerville, NJ

Fee: \$60.00 (\$10.00 per session)
Rabbi Robin Nafshi and Lillian Swickle, ACSW, will co-lead a support group for individuals who have experienced the loss of a loved one recently, months ago or years ago. They will co-lead discussions and share with the group practical tips to cope with loss as well as lessons that show how we can draw strength and solace from Jewish text, prayers and rituals to help the process of coping, healing and renewal. Ordained by Hebrew Union College, Rabbi Nafshi serves as chaplain for the Visiting Nurse Association of Northern New Jersey's Hospice Program. Lillian Swickle has facilitated bereavement groups during her 40-year career and also has worked with school children, people with disabilities and mental illness, and the elderly.

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Vera Gallied, Israeli Dance

Vera is entering her third year as our Israeli dance instructor. Her experience is varied in the field of Jewish education. Her enthusiasm and excellent instruction make dance classes easy to enjoy.

Josh Fischman, Cooking

Josh is entering his second year as our cooking specialist. He finds and breaks down Jewish recipes for all of our students. He explains why students are learning to cook the recipe that he has chosen in a way that every student remembers. His classes are Hebrew School favorites!

Jacob Fridkis, Tutor and Teaching assistant

Jake is entering his third year as tutor. His enthusiasm and knowledge base are impressive. He has been improving every student's Hebrew skills and has made learning the blessings before and after the Haftarah and the Torah easier, by breaking the blessings down to manageable chunks.

Jonathan Yuresko, Tutor

Jonathan is entering his second year as tutor. He helps students focus on the sounds that the letters make and works individually with students to improve their fluency in reading.

Anna Aggabao, Assistant to the Principal

Anna is entering her eleventh year at Kehilat Shalom Hebrew School. Anna manages the Hebrew School office, helps coordinate the volunteers and mans the door and phone. She is always friendly and helpful.

Dori Daus, Principal

Dori is entering her third year as Kehilat Shalom Hebrew School's principal. She has a Master's in Supervision and Administration of Instruction. She has worked as a special educator in the public schools and has 20 years experience in Jewish education. Her goal as Principal is to create a space for parents and children to learn to love being Jewish.

SEPTEMBER 2006

**Blessings for a peaceful, sweet and good new year!
What's going on at Congregation Kehilat Shalom?**

**September 2006
8 Elul 5766 - 8 Tishray 5767**

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 8 Elul 7:14PM 7 PM Story Telling Shabbat Service | 2 9 Elul 8:15PM Kee Tetze: Deut. 22.22-23.24 Isaiah 54.1-10. 5:15 pm Mincha service-Samantha Rosenberg celebrates becoming a Bat Mitzvah |
| 3 10 Elul | 4 11 Elul | 5 12 Elul | 6 13 Elul | 7 14 Elul | 8 15 Elul 7:02PM 7:45 PM Food for thought Shabbat Service | 9 16 Elul 8:03PM Kee Tavo: Deut. 28.1-29.8 Isaiah 60.1-22. 4 pm Mincha service-Julia Gopstein celebrates becoming a Bat Mitzvah |
| 10 17 Elul Back to School! Leeba"n classes begin 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Blood Drive 9-2 1 pm Congregational BBQ 3-5:30 B-Mitzvah Workshop | 11 18 Elul | 12 19 Elul 7:30 pm Board of Trustees Mtg. | 13 20 Elul Back to School! Leeba"n & 8/9 Hebrew Chai Schools 5 - 7 PM | 14 21 Elul | 15 22 Elul 6:50PM 7:00 PM Shabbat Service | 16 23 Elul 7:52PM SELIHOT Nitzavim: Deut. 29.9-30.20. Vayeilekh: Deut. 31.1-30. Isaiah 61.10-63.9. 3 pm Mincha service-Daniel Kaufmann celebrates becoming a Bar Mitzvah 8 pm Paperclips program Havdalah Service |
| 17 24 Elul Leeba"n School 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. | 18 25 Elul | 19 26 Elul | 20 27 Elul Leeba"n & 8/9 Hebrew Chai Schools 5 - 7 PM | 21 28 Elul | 22 29 Elul 6:39PM EREV ROSH HASHANAH 6:30-8 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah services Apples and honey following services | 23 1 Tishray 7:40PM/7:40PM ROSH HASHANAH I Gen. 21.1-34, Num. 29.1-6. I Samuel 1.1-2.10. Services: 9-9:20 Guided Meditation 9:20-9:35 Torah study 9:35-10:25 RH liturgy 10:25-11:40 Text & Learning 11:40-11:55 Wordless Prayer -Shofar 11:55-12:30 Musaf 3 pm Children's service |
| 24 2 Tishray 7:38PM ROSH HASHANAH II Gen. 22.1-24, Num. 29.1-6. Jeremiah 31.1-19. No Leeba"n classes - 9:30-12:45 services 4:30 pm Family Tashlikh hike | 25 3 Tishray 7:37PM FAST OF GEDALIAH Morning: Exo. 32.11-14, 34.1-10. Afternoon: Exo. 32.11-14, 34.1-10. Afternoon: Isaiah 55.6-56.8 (Sephardi ritual: Hosea 14.2-10, Micah 7.18-20). | 26 4 Tishray | 27 5 Tishray Leeba"n & 8/9 Hebrew Chai Schools 5 - 7 PM | 28 6 Tishray 10 - 12 Hebrew Chai School 5 - 7 PM | 29 7 Tishray 6:27PM 7 pm Shabbat Shuvah Evening Service | 30 8 Tishray 7:28PM Haazinu: Deut. 32.1-52. Shabbat Shuvah Hosea 14.2-10, Micah 7.18-20 or Hosea 14.2-10, Joel 2.15-27. 9:30 am Shacharit service-Jadmin Mostel celebrates becoming a Bat Mitzvah |

[;Candle Lighting, §Observance End. Times are for Belle Mead, NJ]

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