



THE SHOFAR

All Grown Up, But Still "The Little Shul by the River"

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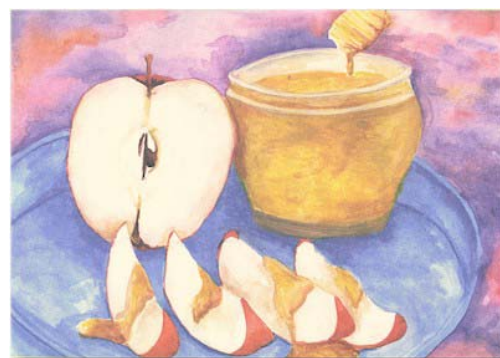
L'Shanah Tova Tikateivu



The Shofar, a well know symbol of Rosh Hashanah is one of the earliest instruments used in Jewish music. Usually made from a rams horn, a shofar can also be made from the horns of other animals, including those of a goat or sheep. It is the one musical instrument that has not changed in more than 5,000 years.

According to Kabbalah the apple is an allusion to the mystical level of "chakal tapuchin kadishin" (the Holy Apple Field).

Also, when you cut an apple in half horizontally you will see ten little holes and a five pointed star. Ten is the numerical value of the Hebrew letter Yud, and five is the numerical value of the Hebrew letter Hey. Together they spell out G-d's name. Those two letters are also an acronym for the words "Hand of G-d". This reminds us that if we look closely and pay attention we will discover G-d's hand in our life and the world around us. We dip the apples in honey for a sweet year.



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The Challah used for Rosh Hashanah is not braided as at regular Shabbat meals, but instead baked in a circle as a wish that the coming year will roll around smoothly without unhappiness or sorrow. It also represents the crown of kingship. It is dipped in honey before eating for a sweet year.

May You Be Inscribed for a Good Year

SHABBAT SERVICE SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

Friday, September 5 6:35 p.m. candle lighting
Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 7 p.m.

Saturday, September 6
Shabbat Service & Bat Mitzvah of Haley Stephon,
9:30 a.m.

Friday, September 12 6:23 p.m. candle lighting
Musical Kabbalat Shabbat Service & Open House, 7 p.m.

Friday, September 19 6:11 p.m. candle lighting
Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 20
Selihot Service with Potluck Dessert, 8 p.m.

Friday, September 26 6:00 p.m. candle lighting
Kabbalat Shabbat Potluck Supper and Program, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, October 3 5:48 p.m. candle lighting
Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service, 7 p.m.
(Gan Class Hosting)

Saturday, October 4
Meditation Service, 9:30 a.m.

Friday, October 10 5:37 p.m. candle lighting
No Service

Saturday, October 11
Shabbat Morning Service, 9:30 a.m. (Vav & Zayin);
Tot Shabbat Downstairs with Staci Scheinblum, 9:30

Friday, October 17 5:26 p.m. candle lighting
Shabbat Sukkot Service, 7 p.m.

Saturday, October 18
Shabbat Morning Service & Bat Mitzvah of Julia Savage,
9:30 a.m.

Friday, October 24 5:16 p.m. candle lighting
Shabbat Potluck Supper and Program, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 25
Shabbat Service & Bar Mitzvah of Warren Nelson, 9:30
a.m.

Friday, October 31 5:07 p.m. candle lighting
No Service

High Holy Day Services

Selihot:

Saturday, September 20, 8:00 p.m. with Potluck Dessert



Rosh Hashanah:

Erev: Monday, September 29, 7:30 p.m.

Day One: Tuesday, September 30, 9:00 a.m.

Children's Services, 10:15 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

Tashlich following services

Day Two: Wednesday, October 1, 9:30 a.m.



Yom Kippur:

Kol Nidre: Wednesday, October 8, 7:30 p.m.

Yom Kipper: Thursday, October 9, 9:00 a.m.

Children's Service, 10:15 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Avodah, 3:30 p.m.

Yiskor, 4:30 p.m.

Neilah, 5 p.m.

Break-the-Fast following Shofar blowing

Attention KHN Teens!

KHN Youth Group Kick-Off Event

B-B-Q & Swim

September 14

1-3 p.m.

Where: Maggie Feldman-Piltch's House

6025 Stony Hill Road, New Hope

The KHN Youth Group is open to 8th through 12th graders. Bring your energy & ideas for an amazing year!

Please RSVP to 215-862-1912 by September 7.

FROM THE RABBI



Shalom Friends!

Recently, I returned from visiting my daughter Mahra, who is completing an internship in North Carolina's Blue Ridge Mountains. Over the past six months she has been living in a place called Mountain Gardens. It is truly paradise and while there, one is so aware of the natural world. This is an "off the grid" spot, relying on the rhythms of nature to determine the course

of living. Each person, each creature, each plant, the weather, the season plays a part in the life of the whole.

Since becoming a rabbi, I cannot help but cultivate ideas for sermons regardless of where I am or what I am doing. More and more I experience and witness through my rabbinic lens. While in North Carolina, I was so very aware of the transitions from summer to fall and the upcoming High Holy Day season. The seasons of life are full of learning, mystery and discovery. These questions arose: How does Judaism inform our lives, our thinking, our actions? How do we allow our Jewish communal experience to impact us? The answers do not lie in being born as or choosing to be a Jew; rather, the answers lie in what Judaism calls upon us to be.

As the High Holydays approach, one cannot help but think about the coming year and the spiritual/religious life cycle. What will they mean for us individually and as a community? The theme for this season is derived from the words of Elie Wiesel, who said: "Indifference is not only a sin, it is a punishment."

The next year will be a pivotal one for our community just as it is for the whole of the global community. For us as a faith community, we are compelled to examine how we live the values of our tradition... to realize what Judaism calls upon us to be for each other and for the world. Just as in greater world culture, we have come to value material progress and consumerism at the expense of the very living systems that sustain us and make up our earth. In doing so, we have put aside the spiritual principles of oneness and interdependence, and lost the understanding that in hurting one part of creation, we hurt the whole. We have come to value individual gain and advancement at the expense of the collective community, forgetting that we advance our own well-being by advancing that of all others.

Economic and political measures alone will not enable us to address the crisis we face as a humanity or as a community. A spiritual movement is already underway and we can help it advance to the point where significant change

can take place, where we can experience the consciousness and paradigm shift so greatly needed in the world, but only if we begin at home.

Kehilat HaNahar is a pluralistic community with much diversity; this is one of our greatest strengths. This strength is only valuable if it is accompanied with spiritual awareness. Ours is a community where our spirits can be nurtured and where we are lovingly supported on spiritual journeys. We are also a community that is not content to leave our faith and values in the synagogue.

Judaism calls upon each of us to do our part in healing the world, tikkun olam. Kehilat HaNahar calls upon each of us to do our part in strengthening our community. This year our growth, both in depth and numbers, will be measured by how each of us steps forward. In doing so, we will truly be able to atone for the sin of indifference this Holy Day season. Then, we might witness the transformation this would bring into the workings of our everyday lives and into the collective sphere.

We are linked through a covenantal bond to both the past and the future. As we approach the holy day season, consider what Judaism is calling forth from you and from our Little Shul community.

L'shalom, Rabbi Sandy Roth

Adult B'Nei Mitzvah Class

Introductory Meeting
September 9 at 7 p.m.

Join Rabbi Sandy at this
special meeting to learn
more about this class.

News from the Presidents ...

Dear Members of Kehilat HaNahar and Friends...

It's time to talk "mamaluchen". In last year's High Holiday Edition of the Shofar your KHN co-presidents wrote the following:

"For thousands of years, the High Holidays have been celebrated and observed as a time for renewal, rededication and recommitment to all that is good in life. As 5768 comes to a close, and we are about to welcome 5769, we once again dedicate ourselves to this renewal, rededication and recommitment as relates to our family and love ones, our friends, to the greater community and to Kehilat HaNahar...the Little Shul by the River.

What does this rededication to KHN mean? Well lets talk "mamaluchen"...and in Yiddish talking mamaluchen means...talking from the heart, getting down to the essence of things... or using today's slang and not the language of the shtetl's of Europe...."no B.S."....

Kehilat HaNahar NEEDS YOUR HELP.

And as important as your financial support is...we're not talking about such assistance now...but rather your donating in the new year, some of your time and energy and talents to making this Little Shul by the River an even more terrific spiritual and cultural center for Judaism.

Plain and simple...here's what we need (and for those who actively participate thank you and thank you again!):

* We need our members (and that includes YOU)... to join any one of our Committees, especially the following: Continuing Education, Membership, Communications, Fundraising, and Capital Development which are either non-existent or almost non-existent.

Membership Renewal

**Membership Renewal Materials
and Dues for the 2008--2009
fiscal year were due August 1**

**High Holy Day tickets will be sent to
members-in-good-standing in mid September.**

**If you haven't already done so, please
renew your membership today!**

- * We need Assistant Chairs for all of our Committees,
- * We need another Vice-President to fill the existing vacancy (as we have two VP positions).
- * We need people to help our administrator, Kelly Statmore, in one time tasks such as special mailings and vacation time.
- * We need our members to sponsor Onegs for Friday night services and ushers for special events.
- * We need minyans when someone has the need to say Kaddish for the loss of a loved one.

All of these volunteer efforts are so important because if you can't help us...then we have to pay someone to do those needed things...and then our membership dues will have to be increased beyond their current level. But it is really more than money and costs and keeping expenses down. We guarantee that when you volunteer and get involved in any way...you will grow spiritually and feel more connected, and in doing so you will become a better person.

Enough said right now....more pleas for your involvement will be made through out the New Year. Here's wishing you and your family and friends a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Little Actions Produce Big Results from Mitzvah Committee

By Marjorie Kaplan

Thanks to the enthusiasm, efforts and caring of our congregation, we continue in our mission to foster a Jewish community where values of tzedekah (charity/giving to restore justice) and tikkun olam (healing the world) are translated into actions both to assist members of our community in times of need, as well to better the world one task at a time. Acts of tzedekah, tikkun olam and gimilut hassadim (acts of kindness) are so simple to incorporate into our lives. Below is an update of ways for every member of KHN to be involved in year round as well as specific events for September and October. We are in particular need for additional Helping Hands to provide meals, minyans or just visits to members in need.

Highlights for this year include plans to expand KHN's local support in concert with the Delaware Valley Interfaith Council (DVIC). We also are working closely with the Shul School in developing programs that will be intergenerational (i.e., you do not have to have kids in Shul School to join in) while building on themes familiar to KHN already,

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Food Pantry Update

By Julie Parker

Thank you to everyone who has continued to fill our basket with food for the Delaware Valley Interfaith Coalition Food Pantry during the summer months! With the extra support from campers from Ravenswood Art Camp, two car loads of food were delivered to the food pantry in July, which was gratefully received.

As food and staple items continue to be in urgent need, please continue to bring in your donations.

Again this year during September through October 12, we will be participating with the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia's High Holiday Food Drive. Please bring non-perishable, Kosher food items or household products to the shul during this time.

All food pantries are reporting a sizable increase in the numbers of families needing food. Please remember to add just a little more to your weekly shopping trip and send that desperately needed food to shul for distribution!

Finance Committee Update

By Harris Steinberg

Please know that financially in the short- and mid-term we are in fine shape. Thanks to Neil Whitman and Brian Kelner for watching over the finances for so many years.

I was recruited to be the finance chair by the now membership chair (since he was so good at recruiting), but I did not need much arm twisting. To me, joining an organization means a commitment to be an active member and doing my part in some way that leaves the group better than before. There is room on the committee for another member or two. If you would like to sit in on a meeting with no commitment, the meetings are typically the first Monday of the month at 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the office area. The next one will be Monday September 8. You won't feel as guilty if you attend. If you don't attend the finance meeting, please meet with the membership committee for we need to bring some new friends into the membership to build a healthy long term financial outlook.

Of course you don't have to be on the committee to help in the recruitment of new members, just invite them or better yet bring them along to some event. Brian and all of us will do the rest.

If you have concerns, questions or suggestions, feel free to email them to me at harrissteinberg@comcast.net.

Musical Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Open House
Friday, September 12, 2008
at 7 p.m.

Join Rabbi Sandy Roth at this special musical service featuring singer, Emily Golden and clarinetist, Barry Bilowitz. Please bring a prospective member or two!

KHN Musicians Share Talents at Monthly Musical Services



EMILY GOLDEN
MEZZO-SOPRANO



KHN members Emily Golden and Barry Bilowitz have volunteered their time to join Rabbi Sandy and the congregation in sharing traditional and modern liturgical music during one Kabbalat Shabbat Service every month.

The musical Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Open House on September 12 will include piano, clarinet and voice, with music composed by Louis Lewandowski, Eric Mandell, Isidore Freed, Ben Steinberg and Jeffrey Klepper.

In future months, they will feature other composers but continue to offer interesting arrangements of familiar melodies. The November service will be held Friday, 11/14 and December's Musical service will be held Friday, 12/12.

Oneg Providers Needed

If you would like to sponsor the oneg following a weekly Kabbalat Shabbat Service, please contact Arthur Spector at 215-794-2688 or braintinc@comcast.net.

New Parking Area Taking Shape

By Steve Fox

The new parking lot and driveway look great, at least on paper. We are close to a final plan. The next step is to present it to the Borough for approval. Since this whole process is taking longer than we anticipated, we are planning to repair the driveway before the High Holidays.

Also in the works is a new roof, possibly including solar. Pennsylvania has some legislation pending that could make it worthwhile for us to install.

Garage repairs are going to wait until the excavation portion of the parking area is complete, in case there is hidden damage. Our committee has completed a few smaller projects as well, curtains in the classrooms downstairs and new bulletin boards upstairs improve the spaces they adorn.

The attic storage space has gotten a new look thanks to Chip, Brian and Arthur. Future projects will address our plastic wrapped outbuilding, landscaping and outside meeting spaces.

Anyone wishing to participate on any of these projects or if you have ideas of your own, we are always looking for new members for our committee.

Contact Stephen Fox or Gretchen Tartakoff for more information.

A High Five for Shul-Wide Wi-Fi

By Carl Glassman

Free Wi-Fi for members! The Finance Committee is pleased to report that they have installed high speed wireless internet service in our building so that our office can run more efficiently. We also voted to offer this service to our members for free. So while you are waiting for Shul School to let out or just hanging out in our Lobby, you can now log on with the following password; 384d454344. In the event you forget this password, its also on the Bulletin Board near above the water cooler.

Mitzvah Update (continued from page 4)

such as Mitzvah Day and environmental stewardship. The Mitzvah Committee also welcomes Julie Parker as a Co-Chair. You can see Julie's hardwork in the accompanying article on Food Pantry programs. If you are new to KHN or new to thinking about getting involved in our committee you might be enticed by the fact that our committee does not meet. Contact Marjorie (marjorie.kaplan@gmail.com) or Julie Parker (jaglet@aol.com) to help.

Become a KHN Helping Hand. In times of need, we want to provide our members with support—be it a meal, a minyan or just a visit. These requests do not come often, but



Annual Membership Picnic & Sukkah Building

Sunday, October 12 at Noon

Join fellow members at our
annual membership picnic,
and help build our Sukkah.

RSVP by October 6 to 215-862-1912
and let us know how many adults and children
will attend and what parve (non-dairy) dish
you would like to bring.

Once the Sukkah is built, you and your family should
feel free to come and share a meal at your convenience.

Sukkot Service

Friday, October 17 at 7 p.m.

when they do, we need to rally. Please send your contact information to Sharon Schwartz at shamar19@comcast.net or Sally Feinman at feinemom@yahoo.com to help.

Project H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People Every Day) is a combined effort of KHN, St. Martin of Tours, and the Borough of New Hope. Seven teams are responsible for one week on a rotating basis to provide services as needed to residents in New Hope including meals for families dealing with illness, rides to doctor's appointments and help with tasks such as grocery shopping, yard clean-up, etc. To become a volunteer or for information contact Laura Warner at tralala22@aol.com.

Mazal Tov Birthdays September

1 Jessica Bauer
Colby Petelinkar
4 Cindy Levy-Petelinkar
5 Nina Meixler
6 Rachel Bensch
7 Sheila Steinberg
9 Celia Rechtman
14 Jessica Glassman
16 Felix Botelho
Kira Botelho
Beth Waldman
18 Adam Magerman
19 Andrea Weiner
20 Hannah Bergenfield
Harrison Levin
20 Marlene Rosenblum
24 Kevin Phelps

30 Jessica Steinberg
October
3 Judy Aidinoff
4 Adam Itkoff
6 Sam Franzini
7 Frank Sweeney
8 Paisley Fox
Gene Gladston
11 Miriam Krantz
12 Jeffrey Weinstein
Brianna Greenberg
Travis Goodman
13 Susan Fox
Shana Mimnaugh
14 Nancy Warshawsky
16 Jacob Steinberg
20 Marjorie Kaplan
23 Warren Nelson
24 Karen Bartnett
24 Staci Scheinblum

25 Larry Wohl
26 Sondra Dantzic
26 Seamus Montgomery
27 Steve Gilbert
27 Jon Tetelman
30 Joshua Foster-Storch
Arielle Warshawsky
Ruth & Benjamin Wyckoff
31 Michael Gluck

18 Mark Feffer & Lynne Goldman
25 Judy & Paul Savage
28 Harilyn & Gerald Galietta
30 Marilyn Davis & Robert Passikoff

October

10 Donna Arons & Geoff Wyckoff
11 Jennifer & Howard Mimnaugh
25 Nadine Silnutzer & Carl Glassman
25 Robin & Jim Robison

Siman Tov Anniversaries September

4 Michelle & Dan McMullen
5 Lisa & Dean Stephens
10 Andrew & Debbie Schneider
18 Elycia Lerman & Anita Baker Lerman
18 Susan & Neil Whitman

Yahrzeits

May tender memories of your loved ones comfort you at this time of memorial.

September

1 Faith Ballow Silnutzer	1 Elul	5 Emmanuel Gladston	5 Elul	18 Harold Barg	18 Elul
1 Pauline Hochman	1 Elul	6 William Kaplan	6 Elul	18 Harvey Spector	18 Elul
2 David Barnett	2 Elul	6 Jean Markowitz	6 Elul	21 Anna Mesirow	21 Elul
2 Ed Scherlis	2 Elul	7 Florence Copeland	7 Elul	21 Samuel Kaynard	21 Elul
3 David Warner	3 Elul	8 Samuel Gluck	8 Elul	22 Michael Lewis	22 Elul
3 Debbie Brickel	3 Elul	9 Stanley Goldberg	9 Elul	24 Jessie Herkimer Straus	24 Elul
4 Peggy Lewis	4 Elul	10 Herbert Markowitz	10 Elul	25 Henry Straus	25 Elul
5 Selma Crockin Goldberg	5 Elul	10 Sam Warner	10 Elul	26 Peter Lewis	26 Elul
		12 Morris Goldberg	12 Elul	27 Arthur Lehrman	27 Elul
		12 Herbert Rahinsky	12 Elul	29 Anna Gladston	29 Elul
		14 Irvin Itkoff	14 Elul		
		14 Steve Lazar	14 Elul		

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Capital Campaign Contributions

Karen Barnett & Walter Straus

Andrea & Jeffrey Weiner

Mika & Rick Silver in honor of Zoe Silver's Bat Mitzvah and Abby Silver's Naming

Erren Buccafuri

Bennett Povlow

Mark Rosenthal and Kim Gross

General Contributions

Stella & Joe Goodman

Jennifer Whitbeck and Ed Mestetsky for the purchase of new chairs

Debra Brosan & Magerman in memory of Cecily Rose Itkoff's mother, Anne

Jane Barg & Lew Scheindlin

Arthur Spector & Jim Mokry in memory of Cecily Rose Itkoff's mother, Anne

Beth & Felix Botelho

Dorine and Alvin Lerner in memory of Mark Feffer's father

The Savage Family in honor of Kyle Bogdan's Bat Mitzvah

The Savage Family in honor of Jonah Warshawsky's Bar Mitzvah

Mark Rosenthal & Kim Gross

Donna Arons & Geoff Wyckoff

Toby & Roy Arons in honor of Geoff Wyckoff's conversion to Judaism

Lynette & William Arons in honor of Geoff Wyckoff's conversion to Judaism

Bennett Povlow

Mitzvah Fund

Kelly & Mike Statmore in memory of Cecily Rose Itkoff's mother, Anne

Shul School Fund

Judi Venet in honor of Kevin Phelps' Bar Mitzvah and with thanks to Joan Loeb

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Judi Venet in honor of Kevin Phelps' Bar Mitzvah and with thanks to Rabbi Sandy

Walter Straus and Karen Barnett in honor of Sam Straus' Bar Mitzvah and with thanks to Rabbi Sandy

Please note: checks for the Discretionary Fund should be written to: Rabbi's Discretionary Fund not Kehilat HaNabar

Thank you for your contribution and continued support of Kehilat HaNabar.

KHN Shul School Need Parents and Kids on First Day of School

By Derek Rosenbaum

The Education Committee has been working with me to prepare for the opening of Shul School. With so many returning students and teachers, and some new faces, we anticipate a great year of learning and fun.

Shul School begins on Sunday, September 7, 2008. At 10:00 a.m., we will kick off with an opening assembly for all parents and students. After the teachers have led students to their classrooms, parents are encouraged to stay for refreshments and a special town hall discussion about the role of Jewish education in the lives of our children and the innovative direction in which we are heading through our participation in the Designated School Program through ACAJE, the

Auerbach Central Agency for Jewish Education.

In the last 15 minutes of school, parents are welcomed to join their children in class to meet the teacher and learn about the class's goals and activities for the year. We look forward to beginning our exciting year of learning with you soon!

Yahrzeits

May tender memories of your loved ones comfort you at this time of memorial.

October

5	Nathan Markowitz	6 Tishri	9	Mary Zeisler	10 Tishri	21	Christopher Bishop	21 Tishri
			12	Rae Kirsh Krantz	13 Tishri	21	Louis Magerman	21 Tishri
			13	Louis Roth	14 Tishri	26	Joseph Silnutzer	27 Tishri
			13	Anne Abramson	14 Tishri	26	Jill Shelby	27 Tishri
8	Cynthia Imber	8 Tishri	14	Sylvia Schwartz	15 Tishri	26	Rene Sussman	27 Tishri
			17	Lilly Kamin	18 Tishri	30	Peppi Perl	1 Heshvan

Todah Rabah

Volunteerism is the oxygen of Kehilat HaNahar. So, a heartfelt Todah Rabah to...

- Marlene Rosenblum and Emily Golden for volunteering to work at the Shul Office while Kelly was out.
- Arthur Spector for helping in the Shul Office while Kelly was on vacation.
- Arthur Spector for agreeing to take over responsibility for managing the Oneg calendar
- Brian Kelner for helping resolve computer, printer and sound system issues
- Mike Statmore for helping to get printer back online
- Mike Meixler for continuing to do such a good job maintaining the Kehilat HaNahar website
- Terri Herring from Ravens Wood Art Camp for donating the picnic tables that now adorn the back yard.
- Nina Zeebooker and Willie Ephraim for donating pet treats for our annual Pet Service
- Derek Rosenbaum, Donna Arons and Jane Barg for working together with the Education Committee and Rabbi Sandy to plan a fabulous Shul School session
- Arthur Spector for supplying the Kiddush lunch following Saturday morning Torah Study sessions

PLEASE...IF YOU FEEL OTHER PEOPLE SHOULD BE MENTIONED IN THE "TODAH RABAH" OF THE NEXT SHOFAR...PLEASE LET US KNOW WHO THEY ARE AND WHAT THEY DID.

Raise Funds for The Shul While You Shop; Help Habitat for Humanity When You Pop

Acme: Bring you register receipts to the Shul. We get a percentage of all monies spent. We can take receipts from ANY Acme.

Genuardis in Doylestown: Go to the courtesy counter and update your membership card to designate the Shul as the recipient of a percentage of all monies spent. Simply add KHN's ID number to your card: 10001676.

Help Habitat for Humanity: Save your soda pop tops (silver tabs) and drop them in the Habitat for Humanity Jar located in the Shul School hallway.

Thanks to Fran Roth for administering these programs!

KHN's Pet Service Sparks Interest in 'Bark Mitzvah' Class



Sophia Dantzig has it all under control

Each year, Kehilat HaNahar's Pet Service gets a little bit bigger. This year, the area off the back porch was packed to overflowing with families and their pets (dogs mostly).

Attendees joined together in prayer and song, and no small amount of leash wrestling as dogs strained to get a little more familiar with one another.

There were terriers of all sorts, a French bull dog, a weimaraner, two or three mutts, several rescue dogs, a chicken, a stuffed cat who was a surrogate for the real 18-year-old beloved pet of Alan, Rhona and Rachel Brown, and photos of Art Spector's well-loved cats, Cleo and Tony, among others.

During the service, Rabbi Sandy mentioned that the Shul would be starting an adult B'Nei Mitzvah class this fall. The dogs were so enthusiastic, she also offered the option of a "Bark Mitzvah" class to much snickering among the humans.

Following the service, humans were treated to goodies provided by the Tribal Council. The tail-waggers had their fill of yummy treats provided by Nina Zeebooker and Willie Ephraim, KHN members who own P&A Pets in Doylestown.

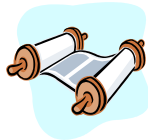
All in all, it was another howlin' good time at 'Our Little Shul'.

Kabbalat Shabbat Potluck Suppers & Programs, Fridays at 7 p.m. on 9/26, 10/24, 11/21 and 12/19

- Bring a vegetarian/dairy entrée or dessert to serve at least 10 people
- Bring your recipe
- RSVP by the Monday before the supper by calling 215-862-1912. Let us know how many people are coming and what you'd like to bring.

Mazal Tov!

Please use this space to share family milestones — graduations, honors, special anniversaries and birthdays, etc. We also will continue to post B'Nei Mitzvah announcements here. Send your announcements to littleshul@kehilathanahar.org or call 215-862-1912.



Bar & Bat Mitzvahs

Haley Stephon, daughter of Celia Malmad, and sister of Lily Styles, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, September 6 at 9:30 a.m.

Julia Savage, daughter of Judy and Paul Savage, and sister of Caleb, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, October 18 at 9:30 a.m.

Warren Nelson, son of Denise Pilato Nelson and Jonathan Nelson, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, October 25 at 9:30 a.m.

Condolences

To Julie Stockler on the passing of her brother, Michael, in July 2008

To Cecily Rose Itkoff on the passing of her mother, Anne, on August 2/1 Av, 2008

Refuah Shleima

Elaine Hochman

Ruth Morris

Judy Levinson

Little Shul's Family Education Days Go Green & Explore Kashrut



Does being Jewish have anything to do with our relationship with nature? What do our holidays and texts teach us about our responsibilities to protect the environment and nature? How can we, as families, make a greener, more positive impact on the earth and all who dwell on it? This year, we look forward to addressing these and other questions with you at our Shul School's Family Education programs as we explore the Jewish value of "Shmirat HaTeva" (Guarding Nature).

We will begin our study together on Sunday, October 19, 2008 during the ecology-themed festival of Sukkot. Family Ed continues on Sunday, December 7, 2008 with a look at our

consumption of food through the Jewish dietary laws of kashrut. We will join together again on Sunday, January 22, 2009 as Tu B'Shevat heralds the coming of spring. And, finally, we will meet on Sunday, April 5, 2009 to learn about the wonders and challenges of Israel's ecology.

We invite and encourage all Shul School students and parents, as well as siblings and grandparents, and the entire congregation to attend these fun, unique and intergenerational learning opportunities. The earth needs your help. Through learning and action, your family can make a difference and become "Shomrei Adamah", Guardians of the Earth!

Derek Rosenbaum-Shul School Education Director
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Tot Shabbats Created Especially for Our Youngest Members

Tot Shabbat will resume in October! Please join us for a fun, interactive children's service especially designed for toddlers and preschoolers up to 6 years of age! Our Shabbat morning service provides the children (and parents) with an opportunity to learn some basic prayers using songs, dance, instruments, stories, and movement. Some of the highlights of the monthly program in addition to the short service include: Using the Shul's original portable Ark each month so the youngsters get to open it and march with the stuffed Torah, having an opportunity to create artwork related to Judaism, Shabbat, and the holidays, and playing with Jewish games and toys! The Tot program will take place once a month on Saturday mornings beginning at 9:30 a.m. in one of the Shul school classrooms. This year, our Tot Shabbat program will also coincide with the Rabbi's morning service. This will give parents and children an opportunity to visit the sanctuary following the Tot program if they wish to experience a typical service and hear the Torah being read!

The dates for the Fall Tot Shabbat programs are as follows: October 11, November 8, December 13. I look forward to seeing you there!

Staci Scheinblum



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Catholic Social Service is seeking single or married adults to become foster parents for children of all ages, races and denominations. Temporary homes also are needed for children with special medical or emotional needs. Some children are siblings who wish to live together.

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Israel Turns 60! by Carl A. Glassman

An abundance of websites herald Israel's 60th anniversary. WWW.60Israel.org includes children's programs, while www.IsraelAnniversary.org links to educational material throughout the web. For a look at Israel's achievements over the past 60 years, try WWW.IsraelCelebrates60.com or a blog, WWW.IsraelatSixty.org.il, which focuses on news and opinions.

For stunning images of Jerusalem, view WWW.CityofDavid.org.il. Many Old City sites are included, such as Gihon Springs, the Royal Quarter and King Hezekiah's Tunnel. Maps and information on new findings take visitors through a tour of history, back to the time of King David.

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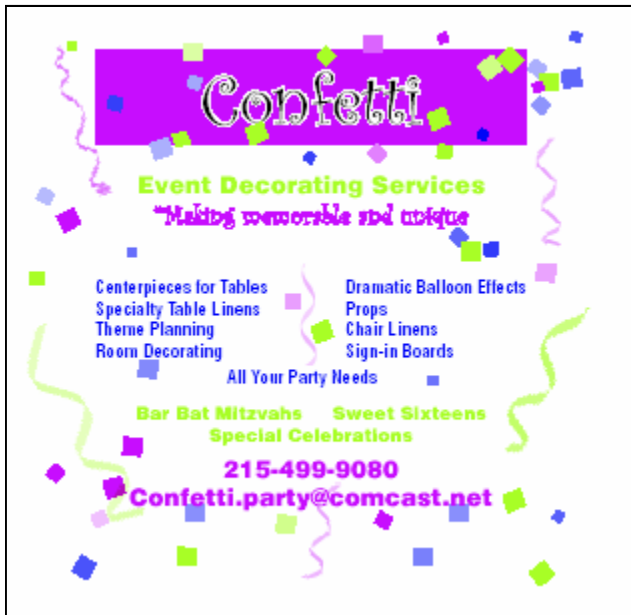
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Mitzvah Activities for September/October 2008

High Holy Day Food Drive September 29th-October 12th: Bring nonperishable canned or plastic (no glass) Kosher Food to KHN Office by October 12th.

Shmirat HaTeva: Guarding Nature Series Sunday October 19th 10 am-Noon: What is the Jewish Relationship to Nature? This promises to be a thought-provoking, yet very fun program in partnership with the Shul School. This session will focus on Sukkot. All members of KHN are welcome to attend.

Mitzvah Day Sunday October 26th: Join the entire KHN community as we prepare lunch bags for DVIC Food Pantry clients, assemble school supply kits for student clients of the Lenape Valley Foundation, and plant spring bulbs at KHN. In the afternoon, join Rabbi Sandy on Team KHN in the **CROP WALK** to raise awareness of and funds for world hunger relief (a portion of the proceeds goes to the DVIC's Lambertville Food Pantry). More details will follow.

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