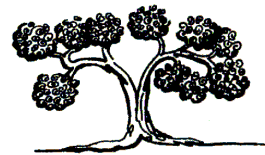


The Shofar



January 2009

Synagogue Etz Chayim, 7705 Bailey Cove Rd. Huntsville, AL 35803

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RABBI'S CORNER

Happy New Year!
Rabbi Jill Levy

Rabbi Weekends:

- January 9, 10 & 11, 2009
- February 27, 28 & March 1, 2009
- April 3, 4 & 5, 2009
- May 15, 16 & 15, 2009

President's Message



I hope everyone had a great Chanukah and Happy New Year. I am so thrilled that the season of "What are you gonna ask Santa for this year?" is over. Our Chanukah was fantastic! We surprised the kids and took them to Disneyworld...I am not sure what to think of this "world". My stomach is still recovering from the roller coasters that I rode with Nathan. Fortunately we got stuck on the Thunder Mountain ride in the tunnel and had to evacuate so I did not have to experience the full whiplash and nausea I felt on the Space Mountain or Expedition Everest. Claudia and I enjoyed having dinner with Prince Charming and Cinderella. She was thrilled to find out that they too celebrate Chanukah and once we got a picture she was ready to go home and call it a night.

January 9th our fantastic student Rabbi Jill Levy will be back in town. She will be leading services on Friday night and Saturday morning. On January 11th, Sunday school will resume its normal schedule. Our next board meeting is on January 13th at 6:30 PM... members are always welcome to attend and share their ideas. I know that 2009 is going to be a great year for Etz Chayim and the Jewish Community here Huntsville.

Shalom,
Sandy, President

Simcha

Bar & Bat Mitzvah Time at the Trudeau Family

The entire congregation is invited to join in the celebration of the Bat Mitzvah of Estienne Zohar Trudeau on Saturday, 10 January at 09:30 A.M at Etz Chayim. Esti will have reached the big 12, the age for a young adult Bat Mitzvah in the Israeli tradition. She is in the 7th grade at Hampton Cove Middle School. Esti is very passionate about animals and is taking riding lessons at a horse stable, near by. She loves singing in the choir and is also a member of the Rocket City Volleyball team.

The Trudeau family just returned from a two week trip to Israel which included a celebration of the Bar Mitzvah of Nathaniel Trudeau at the wall in Jerusalem on 19 Dec. 2008. He reached 13 and marked that milestone with a major family event that included many Israeli relatives. Nathaniel also attends Hampton Cove Middle School, loves music and plays trumpet in the school band.

The Bat Mitzvah services will be followed by a Kiddush lunch sponsored by the Trudeau family in honor of Esti and Nathaniel. Please try to join them in this community family celebration.

Condolences

We are saddened to advise you that Mrs. Harriet Belsky, Sister-in-Law of Stan Belsky, died suddenly on Friday, December 26, in a New York hospital. She had been battling cancer.

Funeral Services will be held tomorrow December 31, 2008 in New York. The family requests that memorials/ donations may be made to Etz Chayim Synagogue or to a charity of the donor's choice.

May God comfort the entire Belsky family along with all the other mourners of Israel and Jerusalem.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Happy New Year to all!!

The Latke Party held on December 21st was a huge success. Lots of fun and good food!! Thanks to all who helped with this event.

Keep saving those White Elephant items for the event on Saturday Feb 7, 2009 at 7 p.m. We welcome new or like new items. No clothing. You can start bringing all donated items to the synagogue back classroom. There will be wine and refreshments, plus back by popular demand, Sandy Pepper and Gary Hall will be leading us with Karaoke singing. Please plan to attend and bring your friends to this exciting evening!!

Ted Roberts will be our Guest Speaker at the next General Membership meeting, scheduled for the Monday, January 19th at 7 p.m. He will speak on "The Joys of Judaism." Look for your reminder postcard in the mail, and come join us.

Lots of fun things are in store this year. Please come out and join us!

Shalom,
Sue Paddock
Etz Chayim Sisterhood President

MEN'S CLUB



Next Meeting Date: **Latke Party, December 21, 2008** at the Synagogue

CHANUKAH is just around the corner, Sunday, **December 21st LATKE PARTY.** Sisterhood is sponsoring the Latkes and all the trimmings, and Men's Club is sponsoring the Bingo games and prizes. **ALSO** calling all men for Latke graters at 8AM. Bingo will start at 11AM and lunch at 12 PM. Please make your plans accordingly

SIMCHA & MEMORIAL PLAQUES: \$50.00 & \$75.00 RESPECTIVELY. Please contact Joe Sacks for further information at 883-1889.

Wishing all good health & happiness for the New Year!!! Joe

Education Opportunity

Hebrew Reading Classes Resume mid-January

NJOP Hebrew Reading Classes will resume in mid January for those students who have had an introduction to the Hebrew Alef Bet.

If you wish to improve your Hebrew reading skills while expanding your vocabulary, now is the time. We will hold two Alef Bet Rapid Review sessions in preparation for the Hebrew Reading II class which will meet once a week for six weeks.

The primary focus will be on reading biblical/prayer book Hebrew selections. We will also introduce some Modern Hebrew phrases. Classes will meet either late Sunday afternoon (3:30pm to 5:00 pm) or Wednesday evenings (7:00 pm to 8:30pm). If you are interested, please email zev-gold@yahoo.com or call Bill Goldberg; 256-882-2918 and indicate your preference for class time.

Donations for Dec 2008

General Fund

From Cynthia & Ron Golub

To: Max Rosenthal – Thank you for officiating at the unveiling of Ron's father's monument. In Memory of Murray Golub.

Building Fund

From: B.J. & Bill Brigadier

To: Lisa Kleiner – Best wishes for your mother's Speedy Recovery.

To: Sandy Pepper & Family – Thinking of you in your time of sorrow.

From: The Liles Family

To: Sandy Pepper & Family – In Memory of your father. Our thoughts are with you and your family.

To: Lisa Kleiner – Wishing your mother a Speedy Recovery.

From: Millie & Max Rosenthal

To: Paulette Goldstein & Family – Our sympathy to you on the loss of your brother.

From: Harriet & Joe Sacks

To: Eidele Sainker – Speedy Recovery and continued good health.

From: Sandra Wiederecht & Family

To: Eidele Sainker – We are thinking about you and wish for your Speedy Recovery.

In Honor Of The High Holidays

From: Lauren & Steve Goodman

From: Dorothy & Bill Goldberg

From: Sharon & Jeff Yalowitz

From: Diane & Stan Belsky

Outdoor Lighting Fund

In Memory of Gertrude and Perry Schlein by their daughters, Natha Hancock and Robin Slomka and their families.

Kitchen Fund

From: Diana & Howard Polin

To: Paulette Goldstein – Our sympathy to you and your family on the loss of your brother.

Remember the food pantry on your Oneg. First Stop needs personal hygiene items. Bring a few cans of food when possible.

Be sure to visit our website for the latest news...

<http://www.etzchayim-hsv.org>

Online Donations are Now Possible

Make a donation the Etz Chayim Website using Paypal. Look for

Make a Donation

at

<http://www.EtzChayim-HSV.org>

WHATS A MILLIGRAM ??

For a \$5.00 per message donation Millie Rosenthal will send a handwritten message from you to acknowledge a Simcha or loss. These donations will also appear in the Shofar. Help your synagogue, send a Milligram. Call or e-mail Millie.

December Calendar 2008

Date	Time	Event	Place
12/3	11:30 AM	Hadassah Luncheon	The Heritage Club
12/12	7:30 PM	Rabbi Weekend	EC
12/21	11:00 AM	Bingo / Latke Party	EC
12/21	4:39 PM	Chanukah Begins	
12/23	TBA	Sisterhood Wrapping	Parkway Mall
12/24	TBA	Sisterhood Wrapping	Parkway Mall

Unless otherwise noted Shabbat Services are Friday night 7:30pm, Saturday 9:30am

YARTZEIT

Jan-1	Tevet 5	Katherine Harris
Jan-2	Tevet 6	Fannie Ginsburg
Jan-2	Tevet 6	Estelle Okeon

YARTZEIT

Jan 2	Tevet 6	Fannie Ginsburg*
Jan-4	Tevet 8	Dan Polin*
Jan-5	Tevet 9	Florence Goldstein*
Jan-5	Tevet 9	Rose Kahn*
Jan-8	Tevet 12	Gilbert Brodtkin
Jan-8	Tevet 12	Bea Smolker*
Jan-12	Tevet 16	Bertha P. Smolker*
Jan-13	Tevet 17	Joseph Cohen*
Jan-15	Tevet 19	Bruce Roberts*
Jan-16	Tevet 20	Abigail Michaela Sawyer*
Jan-16	Tevet 20	Alex Harris
Jan-19	Tevet 23	Anna Rodkin
Jan-21	Tevet 25	Martin Klazmer
Jan 26	Shevat 1	Harry Warshaw
Jan 27	Shevat 2	Harry Zeruld*
Jan 29	Shevat 4	Sylvia Kalachman*
	Shevat	Richard Irwin Kolchin
Jan 30	Shevat 5	Royal Milton Jacobs*

BIRTHDAYS

Jan 5	McKenzie Sanders
Jan 8	Jesse Mitchell
Jan 10	Lisa Kleiner
Jan 10	Isabell Sainker
Jan 11	Joe Sacks
Jan 12	Michael Rosenthal
Jan 17	Debra Lindy
Jan 21	Mathew Palermo
Jan 22	Toni Stauffer
Jan 23	Alicia Hall
Jan 23	Sam Sainker
Jan 24	Alan Sacks
Jan 26	Steve Goodman
Jan 28	Bob Palermo
Jan 28	Sophie Stauffer
Jan 30	Eliza Roberts
Jan 31	Adam Zelickson

ANNIVERSARIES

Jan 1	Diana and Howard Polin
Jan 15	Bill and BJ Brigadier
Jan 18	Debra and Jeff Lindy

ETZ CHAYIM BOARD MEMBERS

President	Sandy Pepper
Vice-President	Jeff Yalowitz
Treasurer	Michal Hall
Recording Secretary	Sam Sainker
Corresponding Secretary	Holly Kent
Trustees	Brenda Liles
	Larry Weinberger
	Larisa Thomason
	Sam Kleiner
	Dennis Bulgatz
Mens Club Representative	Joe Sacks
Sisterhood Representative	Mille Rosenthal

Shabbat Onegs & Candle Lighting

Fri, Jan 2, 2009	Light Candles: 5:16 PM Oneg: Kalachman
Shabbat, Jan 3, 2009	Shabbat Ends: 6:16 PM Parshah: Vayigash
Fri, Jan 9, 2009	Light Candles: 5:22 PM Oneg: Lapidus
Shabbat, Jan 10, 2009	Shabbat Ends: 6:22 PM Parshah: Vayechi
Fri, Jan 16, 2009	Light Candles: 5:28 PM Oneg: Liles
Shabbat, Jan 17, 2009	Shabbat Ends: 6:28 PM Parshah: Shemot
Fri, Jan 23, 2009	Light Candles: 5:35 PM Oneg: Edmondson
Shabbat, Jan 24, 2009	Shabbat Ends: 6:35 PM Parshah: Va'eira
Fri, Jan 30, 2009	Light Candles: 5:43 PM Oneg: Fisher
Shabbat, Jan 31, 2009	Shabbat Ends: 6:41 PM Parshah: Bo

<http://www.chabad.org/calendar/candlelighting.asp>

<http://www.anshe.org/parsha.htm>

BIRTHDAYS

Jan 4	Adam Bulgatz
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Special Events

Let us know if you currently do not get an email version of the Shofar and would like to receive it. sa@etzchayim-hsv.org

The writers who gave us "Fiddler On the Roof" are now presenting

"The Rothchilds"

A Jewish Tony Award Winning Broadway Musical

Starring Bernie Dean in an incredible one man performance sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Huntsville and North Alabama in support of the recovery of the Chabbad House and the Jewish Community in Mumbai.

The performance is Sunday, February 15, 2009

Seating is limited so get your tickets soon!

Tickets are \$18 per seat. All profits from the performance will be donated.

Additional information will be forthcoming

Reservations can be made now by contacting Ed Gollop at 881-2477

General Info

- We are updating our records. Please email the following information to Lisa Kleiner at lisa@lisakleiner.com :
 - Birthday Dates
 - Anniversary Dates
 - YARTZEIT Dates
- Dennis Bulgatz has volunteered to maintain email address changes in our web based database system. Please email Dennis with any of your Email address changes at: dennis@bulgatz.com
- **Parking:** In order to keep large trucks and student cars from driving over our parking lot and using it as a break area, we are putting out some Orange Parking Cones to block the back parking lot. If you need access to the back lot and the cones are out, just move them to the side, but please replace them when you leave. Max