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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK AN OLD PATH STILL WELL TRODDEN

High Holidays are a time to affirm Jewish values. The process, which is more than fifty days long, causes us to question why we live and what the worth of life is. These days are not tied up in ritual, although one may search for Jewish values within the rubric of ritual. However, the High Holidays have nothing like the Seder meal. The kitsch of the Succah is absent the regalia of the Jewish New Year.

From the beginning of the month of Ellul, when preparation for the High Holidays really begins, until the end of Yom Kippur, the one clear ritual device is the Shofar, and that, our rabbis have tried to define as a ritual which brings up unspoken events that can best be defined through that primal scream, which we recognize in the plaintive sounds of the Shofar.

The prayers demand that we ask questions of ourselves. We want to identify deeds that allowed us to live worthy lives. We aim to make a demarcation between acts that were performed for selfish motive alone, and those which we committed because beyond our selfish nature we wanted to make the world better. Those acts might have influenced only family and friends. Those acts might have changed no one but ourselves. But we want to identify them so we can repeat that kind of behavior in the future.

We also seek to identify behavior that has been only selfish, which has been destructive of our relationships with others, and destructive to our own individual lives. It is for that reason that we fast on Yom Kippur. We do not fast because it is ritual behavior. We do so because it allows us to put distractions aside and focus on the one important aspect of the day: our individual actions hidden and revealed to ourselves during the days of the year.

In a real sense the practices of the High Holidays are an ancient form of therapy created long before the emergence of psychology, and long before the use of psychiatric medication. It was a sort of group therapy that worked. As such it allowed us to live through the worst storms of life. It allowed us to keep our balance while we were devastated by Holocaust and

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pogrom, by Inquisition and massacre. It allowed the Jew to live in societies that taught its members to be anti-Semitic. It allowed us to survive the Black Death, which killed one half to two thirds of the population of Europe.

Never has there been a therapy as well tested and as well proved as have been the Jewish High Holidays. They are based upon a faith in God, but the dynamics of the days also helped those who doubted the existence of God.

Today, many have lost the belief that the High Holidays work. They understand the meaning of vacation. They understand the meaning of a weekend at a spa. They understand weeks and months and even years of therapy. But they doubt the value of the High Holidays because they doubt the veracity of religion.

In our postmodern, fast paced society, we question the worth of the old. Tapes and even CD's are last year's technology. Computers change so quickly that the programs we bought two years ago do not work on the newest computers. We see new medicines advertised so extravagantly on television that they seem to make obsolete the medicines developed only three and four years ago.

Some people alive today have seen the modes of transportation change from horse and buggy to car and then to airplane. We have seen the telephone change into a smart phone. Change has been so rapid that many believe only the newest of inventions and of practices are worthwhile.

The simple fact is that sometimes the old not only still works, but also even works better than the new. Aspirin is a better and safer pain reliever than those developed in the past decade. An apple is still a healthier food than a vitamin pill. A walk in the woods still allows us to see more than a trip on an interstate at sixty-five miles an hour.

The High Holidays do more than much therapy to cleanse a body and allow one to find meaning in life. The High holidays are a time to embrace the old and to recognize that the old ways can be a sure path to renewal.

Sarah and I wish all of you a High Holiday experience that will create for you and yours a time of blessing in the coming year.

A word of thanks to those who have stepped in and contributed greatly during the last several weeks: Larry Hoffer for his wonderful torah readings, Ron Goldberg for leading the July 16 Shabbat service, the Cantor for filling in for the Rabbi at the last Board meeting and giving an insightful D'var Torah, Eveleen Solomon for leading Friday night services and all the others who keep things chugging along during the summer.

We thought we would kick off Commitment Weekend and greet the New Year with a **Family Shabbat and dinner on Friday night, September 23rd**. It will be a very participatory service for parents and children and will be a wonderful way, even before the High Holidays, to reconnect after a long summer. Please mark your calendars now to join us.

**FROM THE PRESIDENT
DEAN GORDON**

The story of Leiby Kletzky, the young boy from Brooklyn who was murdered sometime between July 11 and 13th, is a horrifying one and realizes our worst nightmares. We send our children into the world little by little and each time we do, we take a bit of a chance. Sheltering them their whole lives is not an alternative: it deprives them of developing their own life experience and judgment and doesn't teach them how to live in the world, our ultimate job as parents. We try to teach them who to trust and who not to trust.

Leiby lived in the Borough Park section of Brooklyn, a neighborhood heavily populated by orthodox Jews. He had left Nechmod Day Camp, and got lost walking home when, according to reports, he saw a man wearing a yarmulke and asked for directions to a local Judaica store. The fact that Aron Levi was wearing a yarmulke I'm sure led Leiby to believe that the man was one of his own and could be trusted. In that insular and homogeneous community, that would almost be taken for granted.

Trust is complex. We can't live without some degree of it and it is one of the most precious things we can give someone, but trust makes us vulnerable. We cannot do everything at once, so we rely on others to act on our behalf. We cannot be everywhere at once, so we rely on others to inform us. We cannot constantly check up on those with whom we associate, so we rely on them to be honest with us about their actions. But any sort of trust makes us vulnerable because we are putting ourselves into someone else's hands, if only temporarily, and we may suffer personal consequences if that trust is found to have been undeserved.

And so it was that Leiby Kletzky was momentarily vulnerable because he had lost his way and saw a man in a yarmulke he thought he could trust. And according to police, Levi Aron seized upon that moment of trust with devastating consequences.

If Levi Aron did, in fact, perpetrate this horrible act, it will have been committed by someone whose life probably hit some terrible twists. While I believe some people are born with violent tendencies, those tendencies can be exacerbated by their upbringing. It is a fact that those who abuse children were often victims of childhood abuse themselves. Children live in a world run by adults; they depend upon them for the physical necessities of life such as food and shelter and they depend upon them for emotional nurturing. This makes them the most vulnerable among us: they have to trust us. We are their safe havens in a world they are slowly learning to understand.

And because they are the most vulnerable, when that trust is violated, it is most devastating. An adult whose trust has been violated can be traumatized, but they are in a position to try to pick up the pieces and start again. They know the lay of the land and can usually figure out how to move on. The violation of a child's trust is so ruinous because they simply don't know the world that well and don't know how to cope.

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BOARD BITS

From 6/21/2011

- D'var Torah – Rabbi compared Laurie Brandt to the spies from the torah, finding that our Congregation is happy and wanting to participate in the wealth of the shul. We have to keep the momentum going and make use of all of that good will.
- Rabbi's contract with Beth Ahm has been signed for 2 years.
- Annual Affair was a great success. 117 attended. Good profit was made and we need to keep our finances in the black.
- Sarah Kriegel came up with the very successful idea of the "Founders Page" for the Ad Journal pages. We were able to get 4 Founders that paid a total of \$20,000 for those pages. Great job Sarah!
- The board agreed that we must capitalize on all of the enthusiasm that everyone showed for the Annual Affair. Everyone discussed ideas of how we can utilize all that energy. The Rabbi requested that a committee be formed to develop ideas and get some great monthly events together that would be fun and for families. Some ideas were putting together an acting troupe, a getting to know you dinner free of charge, having speakers lead series that will interest members.
- Aging Report - Treasurer has reached out to make arrangements with families that are members but have made no attempt to make any payments. The Rabbi and President (Dean Gordon) are willing to make financial arrangements with people whenever necessary, so please reach out to them if necessary. Please remain a member in good standing by making an appointment to discuss your personal situation if you can't pay in full what is owed.
- A Grant Writer is still being pursued. Several possibilities in the works.
- Barry Bachenheimer has agreed to be our Webmaster. Thanks Barry!

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Aaron Kriegel, Rabbi / Marsha Schreier, Cantor

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Judy Maher

- Yeshiva is not finalized. A decision should be made shortly.
- High Holiday planning will integrate children into the services.
- Trick Tray from the Women's League will be 12/3/11.
- Please share your good news with Maria Goldberg for the "What's Happening" segment. Everyone loves to share good news.

Marla Kapner, Secretary

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Board Bits Continued –7/21/11

D'Var Torah (Marsha Schreier) – Torah reading for this Shabbat is Pinchas. It is also read on holidays and deals with sacrifice which is an important concept for this time of year as we prepare for the high holidays which require sacrifice, effort and preparation.

Dean Gordon said that there is progress regarding parking lot repairs. We are addressing the water issue under the building and figuring out what will need to be done.

Yeshiva update – We are expecting a final decision by 8/1 regarding if the program will start or not.

Programming options (Dean Gordon) –Areas to be promoted monthly are; family Shabbats, cultural events. Friday, September 16th will be the first family Shabbat featuring the kids. Entertainment, lunch ideas were discussed as well as the group Pizmon providing a program for the kids.

Grant Writer – Dean Gordon is working on getting someone.

High Holiday planning (Dean Gordon) – A logistical meeting is necessary. The meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, 7/21. Children must be included in the services.

Alumni Outreach (Dean Gordon) – We want to maintain the enthusiasm from the 75th anniversary. Dean suggested that the Women's League head up the committee.

Finances – Some money has come in, but we need members to continue to pay outstanding balances. The President encourages anyone having difficulty paying to please discuss a payment plan. The Rabbi and President welcome these arrangements for those that may be struggling to pay.

Marla Kapner, Secretary

High Holiday Schedule

Wed. 9/28	Erev Rosh Hashana	7:45 pm
Thur. 9/29	1st Day Rosh Hashanah	9:00 am
	Junior Congregation	11:00 am
	Tashlich	5:00 pm
	Mincha Maariv	6:00 pm
Fri. 9/30	2nd Day Rosh Hashanah	9:00 am
Fr. 10/7	Kol Nidre	6:30 pm
Sat. 10/8	Yom Kippur	9:00 am
	Yizkor	after Torah Service
	Junior Congregation	11:00 am
	Mincha	5:30 pm
	Neila	6:30 pm
	Yom Kippur Ends//Maariv	7:09 pm
Wed. 10/12	Erev Sukkot	7:00 pm
Thur. 10/13	First Day Sukkot	9:45 am
Fri. 10/14	Second Day Sukkot	9:45 am
Thur 10/20	Shemini Atzeret	9:45 am
	Yizkor	after Torah Service
	Erev Simchat Torah	7:00 pm
Fri. 10/21	Simchat Torah	9:45 am

Tickets for the High Holidays will be available from the office in September.

Tickets for family members are \$100 per ticket. Guest tickets may be purchased for the entire holiday schedule for \$150 per tickets. More information will be sent to you in early September.

Board Meetings take place on

Tuesday's at 7:30pm

July 12, 2011

August 16, 2011

September 13, 2011

October 11, 2011

November 15, 2011

December 13, 2011

January 17, 2012

February 14, 2012

March 13, 2012

April 17, 2012

May 8, 2012 – Annual Congregation Meeting begins at 8pm

All members are welcome to attend

SAVE THE DATE!

Back by popular demand

Women's League

TRICKY TRAY

December 3rd!

Mark your calendar now

We want to go **GREEN!**

In an effort to use less paper, we would like to offer you the option of receiving the bulletin via email.

If you are interested,

Please contact the office at:

973-239-0754 or office@bethahm.org

Beth Ahm Wishes Rabbi Kriegel a
"Happy 10th Anniversary"

A NOTE FROM SARAH KRIEGEL

I want to express my gratitude for all those who sent me words of encouragement while I was in Israel tending to my mother. I also want to thank those who provided meals for my husband during my extended absence. My heartfelt thanks to the many condolences Aaron and I received following the death of my mother, Raya Azia, of blessed memory. My mother enjoyed visiting Verona and she expressed her strong wish that our small little town continue to have a Jewish presence. She was excited about Congregation Beth Ahm's impending celebration and wished that the synagogue would continue far into the future. I appreciate everyone's kind gestures, donations and those who provided ads for the 75th Anniversary Journal in honor of a very special woman I was proud to call Ema.

Identifying Your Risk = Disease Prevention

Congregation Beth Ahm will host a preventive health screening event on Wednesday, August 24, 2011 for residents in and around your community.

Life Line Screening will perform screenings for:

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| 1) carotid artery blockage (stroke) | 4) peripheral arterial disease |
| 2) atrial fibrillation | 5) osteoporosis (bone loss) |
| 3) abdominal aortic aneurysm | |

These screenings are recommended for anyone 50 and older, or 40 and over with cardiovascular risk factors. They are non-invasive, painless, and take 60-90 minutes to complete. The results, which are mailed directly to you, will help you and your doctor protect your health. Stroke, Vascular and Heart Rhythm Package range from \$129.00 to \$159.00. Call 1-888-653-6441 or visit

www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners to schedule your appointment.

No appointments can be made through the Beth Ahm office

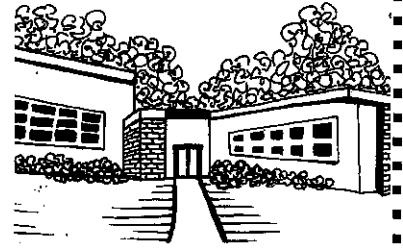
In every issue of our bulletin, leading up to our celebration on June 12th, we featured special guest contributors who will share their memories of Beth Ahm. We are continuing this feature this month. We welcome everyone to write and share their memories with us. We'd love to hear from you.

It is hard for me to separate my personal life from that of this beloved shul. As my twin brother and I grew up, the Congregation was an extended family for us, our parents coaching us to address the adult members as "aunt" and "uncle." This synagogue was the center of our lives – where I learned to pray in a small sanctuary with deep yellow stained windows that transformed daylight into golden, spiritual light. It was the place where I took my first art lessons, my first dance lessons, my first Hebrew lessons, and where I made my first friends, carrying out my father's vision that this shul should be a Jewish Community Center for all kinds of activities. I watched this auditorium transformed from a sanctuary for High Holy Days to a weekly basketball court, to an annual bazaar floor, to an auditorium for the JCC Theater Players, to a square dance floor, and to the setting of so many Annual Affairs and Yom Kippur night dances. My father sang "If I Were a Rich Man" here and delivered his final Rosh Hashanah speech. It was also the setting for the funerals of both my mother and father.

My twin brother, as rabbi, continues to carry out the concept of community center in this room. Beyond the ritual observances echoed in this sanctuary, this is the setting for monthly Shabbat dinners, and Superbowl parties; for movies, indoor "picnics," and flea markets; for concerts and exercise classes; and for lectures, discussions, and interfaith dialogues, --always with the promise of bringing together the family that is our congregation. Blood relatives these days stretch far and wide, but for us at Beth Ahm, from the earliest inception of this congregation, we know we are primarily a family of all ages who love and care deeply about each other, making the Jewish Community in this Verona shul a home.

Susan Kriegel Leshnoff

NOTE FROM THE 75th ANNIVERSARY CHAIRPERSON:



Seventy-five years ago various events were happening throughout the world: Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth were two of the first players elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame; the "Green Hornet" radio show and "Phantom" comic strip premiered; Hoover Dam was completed; the first flight of the Hindenburg took place in Germany; Hitler broke the Treaty of Versailles; the Great Uprising in Palestine; "Gone with the Wind" was published; FDR gave the FBI authority to pursue fascists and communists; LIFE magazine hit the newsstands; and the year ended with King Edward VIII who abdicated the throne. In the meantime, a small group of Jews were brave enough to create a Jewish Community Center in a town where they were a minority. They elected their board leaders, signed their Articles of Incorporation, found their beloved Rabbi and located a home. One year after its inception, fifty-eight families gathered their resources and purchased a tiny house at 56 Grove Avenue. From today's standards, this house lacked in elegance and stature, but it was a grand building to those members who celebrated Shabbos and Life Cycle events on its second floor.

Twenty-five years later, Israel began the trial of Adolf Eichmann; JFK was the US President; the Bay of Pigs invasion took place; Alan Shepard went into space; Patsy Cline, The Shirelles and Dion were just a few who entertained us with their music. In January 1961, Rabbi Alter Kriegel wrote of our little schul:

"Ours has weathered the storm of existence for twenty-five long, yet short, years. This milestone in our life dares not remain unnoticed, unheralded, nor unsung. As we will have passed the first quarter century, we look with confidence towards the horizon of the next twenty-five years, which will bring us to the brink of a Golden Jubilee. We do so with an abounding faith in our Creator, and to the future, which He ordains. As that which we have was created by us and by our predecessors, so must we plan for the needs, which have arisen and will continue to arise in the years that lie ahead. We have reached the realization that although that which we have achieved has come about by dint of sacrifice, no one individual or family has ever become impoverished because of their contribution of self and substance to our J.C.C."

During its Golden years, there were changes world-wide and in our community. A former actor was the President of U.S.; the first federal holiday honoring Martin Luther King Jr. took place; Elie Wiesel won the Nobel Peace Prize. Locally, the Jewish Community Center of Verona changed its name to Congregation Beth Ahm of West Essex and enjoyed the results of a major building renovation. It also began to deal with the uncertainty of its future due to the diminishing presence of Jewish families in Verona. A few years prior to its Fiftieth Anniversary, in April 1982, Rabbi Michael Laxmeter reflected on the synagogues history and stated:

"We are grateful to all those men and women who understand that our house of God is a reservoir of idealism and brotherly love – a citadel of faith, performing the task of awakening the soul of our people in the community, who know that the synagogue is a tower of strength, that it is an armory of the spirit, the source of religious inspiration against the invasion of chaos, uncertainty; that the synagogue is a school house for all ages and all persons."

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"The synagogue is a powerhouse, which generates the spiritual energy with which to withstand not merely the barbs of indifference, but the arrows of misfortune. It is spiritual cooperation in the best sense, so that sorrows are divided, griefs diminished and lives made more purposeful."

Finally, seventy-five years later we've watched the world change dramatically due to Global Warming; with the aftermath of suicide bombers, tsunami's and earthquakes; the original Yankee Stadium was demolished; Operation Iraqi Freedom officially ended; and the first African-America U.S President continues to lead the United States. In our small town, seventy-five years after its creation, we gathered again to celebrate. We had the privilege of commemorating the event with people from every generation. Those who were connected to the brave pioneers of 1936, as well as alumni, former leaders, community members and our current members. The event was that much sweeter by the attendance of Rabbi Alter and Ida Kriegel's children, Rabbi Aaron Kriegel and Susan Leshnoff, as well as two of their five grandchildren, Liat and Tamir Kriegel. During the evening, Rabbi Aaron Kriegel said the following:

"(In 2001) Verona needed a rabbi who would stay here if the congregation was to survive. So, I returned to Verona. My father gave his life for many of you. He dedicated his life to the Jewish community of Verona and I did not want his dream to die. We were never very rich. We never could depend upon the wealth of others to survive. We did, however, have a core of people who made this schul a second home for themselves. And we did survive. The hope and spirit that my father and the handful of founders brought to Verona has been rekindled..."

A quote from John W. Gardner states, "History never looks like history when you are living through it." I smile at the thought that when Congregation Beth Ahm is celebrating its Centennial Anniversary, what was accomplished over the last year will be part of its timeline and reflected upon.

As you know, events marking historical milestones are not accomplished without the work of many. We celebrated a well orchestrated Shabbat followed by a Kiddush prepared under the culinary eyes of Marla Kapner. We created a wonderful keepsake journal under the editorial and computer skills of Raph Paisner. The sale of ad space topped any record previously held by our organization with the supervision of Myron Spektor. We produced an entertaining dvd thanks to the creative talents of Jim and Marian Sabat. The dinner and entertainment were well organized under the direction of Sarah Kriegel and Dean Gordon, as well as the countless others who helped in one way and/or another. Please refer to the journal for a full list of our unsung heroes.



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Due to my absentmindedness on the way to the gala, forgetting my speech in the printer, I do need to correct an omission by acknowledging someone who helped with just about everything, our President, Dean Gordon. Not only was he fulfilling his requirements as our synagogue leader, but simultaneously he was a helpful contributor with any request I sent his way. "Dean, I need help drafting a letter to...", "Dean, can you speak to...", "Dean, we need to get...". There was never a request unmet. He never ignored an opportunity to help, to advise and to contribute. It does "take a village", but you always need at least one person you can depend upon to get you to your final destination. Dean, on behalf of the entire 75th Committee, I thank you for your selflessness, your leadership and for making this wonderful event a beautiful part of our history.

I do hope those who could not celebrate with us, as well as those who did, continue to share their memories. Letters are being collected, cherished, published and preserved—so please keep in touch. We need everyone to work together so we can celebrate Beth Ahm's 100th Anniversary in 2036!

Many thanks and Mazel Tov,

Laurie Brandt

The 75th Anniversary Committee

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER / CONGREGATION BETH AHM ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP

Our 75th anniversary has given us much to celebrate. So many members from near and far have contacted us, shared their wonderful memories of precious times at Congregation Beth Ahm and the "JCC" and rekindled a relationship that had lain dormant for years. But dormant is far from gone and now that we've become reacquainted, we don't want to lose you.

Please consider becoming an alumni member of Congregation Beth Ahm in order to remain an active part of our family. Alumni members need to have been a previous member or religious school student at Beth Ahm and live outside of a 50-mile radius of the synagogue. This membership category will entitle you to synagogue mailings, yahrzeit notifications and reduced High Holiday tickets. An alumni membership at Beth Ahm is **\$200** annually. Please contact us at 973-239-0754 or office@bethahm.org and we will forward you a membership application.

Now that we've reconnected, let's not lose touch.

How Does A Synagogue Get To Be 75 Years Old

By Adam Radzik

It's not hard. It only requires the vision, the desire and the determination of a small group of people who are willing to make an extraordinary effort to make something important, something sacred and something spiritual.

It's not hard. It only requires the commitment of hundreds and hundreds of Jewish families who will choose to be members in this synagogue and who will choose to celebrate the Jewish holidays and the major events of their lives together with each other.

It's not hard. It only requires that the synagogue attract major Rabbinical, Cantorial and pedagogic talent year after year that will lead, inspire and give meaning to Jewish ritual, law, history and values.

It's not hard. It only requires that innumerable young couples join in order to provide their children with a Jewish education and training that will lead to emotion-filled bar and bat mitzvah ceremonies.

It's not hard. It only requires that dozens and dozens of busy people devote endless hours to board membership, sisterhood and men's club leadership and that many hundreds will volunteer to help with this and with that.

It's not hard. It only requires that hundreds of educational classes and social events be conceived, be planned, be executed and be cleaned up after.

It's not hard. It only requires that though there will never be enough money and though the annual budget is always a completely unattainable fiction, that there will be a group of individuals who against all odds and all the laws of finance and accounting, will somehow make the numbers work and will do so every year.

It's not hard. It only requires that you find and attract unusual individuals whose compassion, whose caring, whose warmth, whose humanity and whose love of things Jewish are so profound that you can genuinely describe yourself as the little shul with the big heart.

It's not hard. It only requires that good Lord, the God of our fathers and the God of our mothers, lend a helping hand to assure the daily existence and the future of our synagogue, our extended family, Congregation Beth Ahm.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Barry Bachenheimer has completed his Ph.D in Educational Technology from the University of Florida.

Barry has also recently been appointed as the Director of Curriculum, instruction, and Assessment for the district for the Pascack Valley Regional High School District.

Emma Montoya, granddaughter of Hilda Weissman, will be spending a month this summer at Oxford University in England. She is participating in a program for high school students being held there. Emma will be a junior this fall at Kimberly Academy in Montclair.

Mazel Tov to both Barry and Emma!

Do you have some news to share?
Please contact Maria Goldberg
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973-857-2596 or
Ruth Ness raisel826@aol.com
973-239-0447

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO.....

Ruth Newman, Aug. 5

Jerry Jacobs, Aug. 6

Susan Ness, Aug 11

Marsha Schreier, Aug 12

Elizabeth Ness-Schneider, Aug. 14

Mickee Lublang, Aug. 15

Jack Kindler, Aug. 16

Mark Shapiro, Aug. 16

Sid Miller, Aug. 19

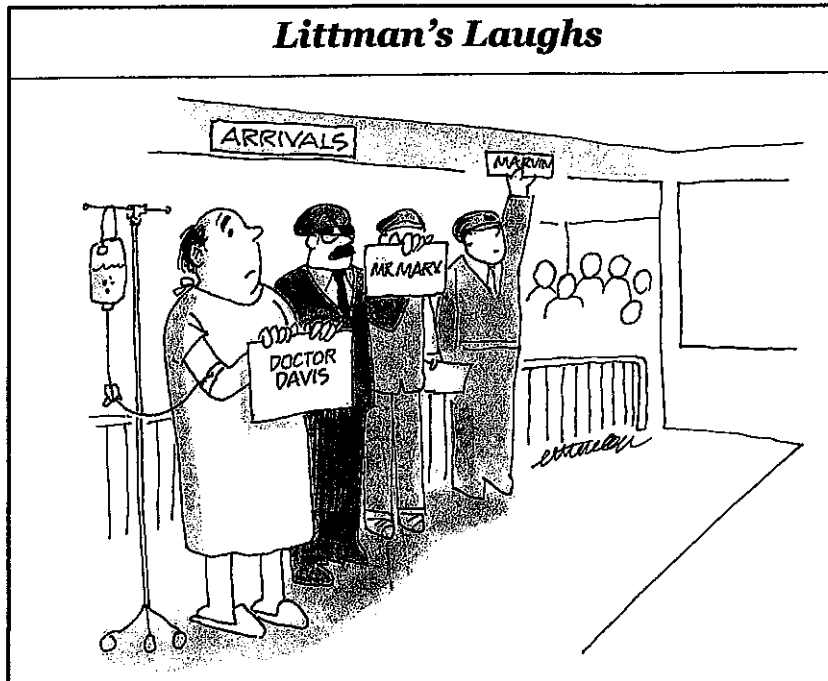
Kevin Kapner, Aug. 23

Ruth Ness, Aug. 26

Jack Stern, Aug. 31

**We have new summer hours for Friday night
Shabbat Services.
Services will begin at 7 pm
during the months of
July and August.**

Littman's Laughs



**WE THANK ALL CONTRIBUTORS FOR THEIR GENEROSITY
AND SUPPORT OF OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILY**

GENERAL FUND

Dr Joseph Schkolnick	In honor of the 75th anniversary of Beth Ahm
Eadie Leon	In honor of the 75th anniversary of Beth Ahm
Lola Oremland	In honor of the 75th anniversary of Beth Ahm
Thelma & Harry Zalewitz	In honor of the 75th anniversary of Beth Ahm

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Carol Cathey	Yasher Koach on the adventures of Tamir, Elan and Liat
Madeline Berman	To Jan & Michael Einhorn in honor of Sam's graduation from high school
Madeline Berman	To Seymour Sobel—wishing you a speedy recovery
Carol Cathey	To Eva Brandt—mazel tov on your high school graduation.
Carol Cathey	To Sam Einhorn—mazel tov on your high school graduation.
Carol Cathey	To Jason Lawrence-mazel tov on your high school graduation.
Carol Cathey	To Allen Paisner-mazel tov on your college graduation
Carol Cathey	To Zoe Gordon—mazel tov on your graduation from high school.

Yahrzeit

Lola Oremland	In memory of her beloved mother, Sally Robins Polin
Joan Herbstman	In memory of her beloved brother, Robert Herbstman
Hilda Weissman	In memory of her beloved father, Meyer Till
Herb Rappaport	In memory of his beloved father-in-law, David Schreiber
Natalie Weiss	In memory of her beloved mother, Shirley Schroeder

CHILDREN'S LEARNING CENTER

The Beinisch Family	In memory of Sarah's beloved mother Raya Azia
Ruth and Jack Wurgaft	In memory of Sarah's beloved mother Raya Azia
Madeline Berman	To Doug and Laurie Brandt-congratulations on Eva's graduation from high school

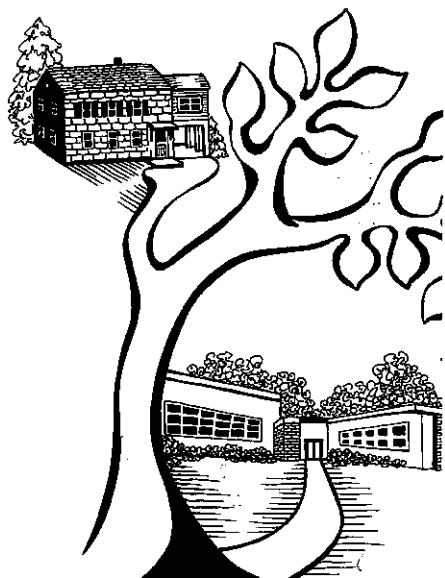
LILYAN DRETEL MUSEUM

Cookie & Irwin Hoffer	In honor of Laurie Brandt and her committee and all their hard work in making the 75th celebration a huge success.
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Contributions to our various funds are always welcome and provide much needed funds to support the many programs offered by our synagogue. If you wish to make a contribution to mark celebrations, to offer well wishes or condolences, or at yahrzeit times to remember loved ones, please contact the synagogue office. It is the generosity of our members that enables Beth Ahm to continue to be the special place that it is.

Dear Members,

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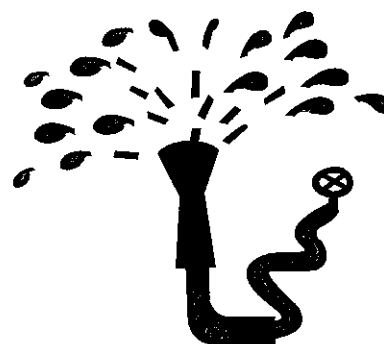


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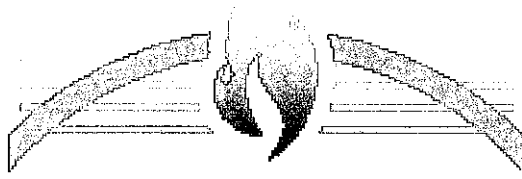
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