



Kol Shalom

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A Message from our President

Dear Members,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to wish our congregants a healthy, productive and peaceful 2012.

May Israel have a year of peace, and may the world's economy and ours experience a rebound in the coming year.

We are grateful that B'nai Shalom is able to provide religious, educational and social programs for all our members.

Despite these hard times, B'nai Shalom has been able to survive with the help of our dedicated members, fundraisers and from the generosity of our members.

I personally want to thank Carol Gajewski and her committee for chairing our Chanukah Party. Thanks to Nomi and Bill Stein for their continued support of B'nai Shalom.

The food, entertainment by Lynn Lazaro, gift exchange and raffle made for a superb evening. You guys really know how to throw a GREAT PARTY!

Please mark you

calendars for Saturday January 7, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. when Rabbi Silverman will return from back east and lead services followed by Lunch and Learn. We look forward to seeing both Rabbi and Bobbie back at our Synagogue. Rabbi Silverman will also lead services again on January 21, 2012 at 10:00 A.M followed by another Lunch and Learn.

On Friday, January 27 at 7:15 P.M. Cantor Kathy Robbins will lead our Musical Family Services. It is always a delight listening to Kathy play guitar and sing different melodies to our Shabbat Prayers.

On Saturday January 14, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. please join us and help us say farewell to Noah Schacter when she will lead us in the Torah Services for the last time. Noah will be returning to Israel permanently but she has been an incredible asset in all aspects to B'nai Shalom and will be really missed. There are no words to express our thanks and gratitude to Noah for her

delightful reading and interpretation of the weekly portions of the Torah.

On Saturday, January 14 at 6:30 P.M. please join me at my home for our next Havurah get together. It's Italian night at Dr. Marty's so please call and let me know if you are coming and what you can bring. We will play some games and socialize with each other.

Don't forget to contact Laurie Garry to coordinate what dish you will bring for the homeless. You can also give her money to purchase food. The date for this Mitzvah will be on Sunday January 29, 2012.

If anyone wants to host a Havurah at their home please contact Nomi Stein. If anyone wants to either chair or help us at one of our Fundraisers please let me know.

Once again your Board of Directors and I wish you a safe and Prosperous 2012.

Shalom,

Dr. Martin Hodes

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Mark your Calendars

Saturday, January 14
Farewell Luncheon for Noah Schachter

Saturday, January 14
Havurah at the Hodes' home 7:00 pm

Sunday, January 29
Operation Hope 5:45 pm

Newsletter by E-mail

You can receive the Kol Shalom monthly newsletter by e-mail. If you would like to put your name on the e-mail list, send your request along with your e-mail address to: frizz9@cox.net



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B'nai Shalom Latke Crew makes 500 Latkes!

What an amazing day we had on Sunday, December fourth. A large group of volunteers came out to help make latkes for our annual Hanukkah party and fundraiser. We peeled over a hundred pounds of potatoes, had two food processors going all day, and had eleven burners loaded with sizzling latkes frying for hours. Bill Stein supplied us with uptempo Jewish music, we wore old clothes, aprons and the ladies looked like Fiddler on the Roof characters with their hair tied back in "babushkas". Our Thanks go out to Carol Gajewski for being chairwoman of the Hanukkah party and taking on this whole day and the party on Dec.17. Also thanks to all the volunteers, Bill and Naomi Stein, Beth Moore, George Hall and his daughters and their friends, Marge Burg, Anna and Salli Blakesley, Tes Mario, Cynthia McWhinnie, Temmie Rosenthal, Marty Hodes, and Noah Schachter. We really had fun, sharing laughter, tears while peeling onions, stories and a delicious pot luck lunch. We all left tired, happy and coated with oil. Please volunteer to join us next year to help make everyone's Hanukkah a special and "tasteful" day!

To My Dear Friends and Family,

In these tough times I reflect all the wonderful things that I am grateful for. Good Friends, Good Family and Good Times. During Chanukah we all need to reflect on the lights of the Menorah and remember to carry the shining brilliance of the candles with us throughout the year. May the New Year 2012 be filled with Shalom, continued friendships and spending more time with the people that make a difference in our lives.

Thank you for being a part of my life, Marty

**BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES
& YARTZEITS**

January Birthdays

Morris Rossenfeld - 1/06
Roberta Maimes - 1/30

January Anniversaries

Ellen Kippel & Ken Donohew - 1/1

February Anniversaries

Silverman - 2/15/1981

January Yartzeits

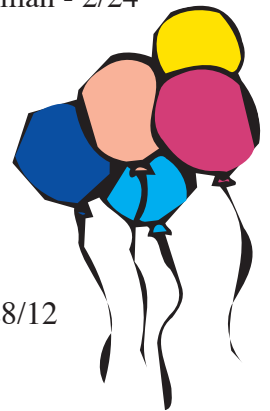
Edward Garry, Joel Garry's father - 1/07/12
Miriam L. Popper, Cynthia McWhinnie's mother - 1/10/12
Sarah Kaplan, Muriel's Kaplan's mother in law - 1/15/12
Abe Friedman, Gladys Friedman's father in law - 1/20/12
Isidor Wells, Yetta Schachter's father - 1/26/12
Sarah Riback, Sylvia Cramer's and Naomi Stein's mother - 1/28/12

February Yartzeits

Barbara Linderman, Beverly Linderman's sister - 2/07/12
Howard Spiegel, Joyce Spiegel's husband - 2/14/12
Jeffrey Stein, Naomi & Bill Stein's son - 2/22/12

February Birthdays

Carol Gajewski - 2/3
Muriel Kaplan - 2/8
Charles Jordan - 2/8
Natalie Lomayesva - 2/8
Hayley Gajewski - 2/15
Melissa Browne - 2/21
Rabbi Hillel Silverman - 2/24
Lee Gura - 2/25



A Message from Our Rabbi

Shalom,

On the first night of Hanukkah, we light the menorah. Each succeeding night we add one candle to reach eight, recalling the cruse of oil found in the temple that lasted eight days.

Why not begin with eight and reduce the number by one each night? This is a valid question. The Talmud records this question: Hillel says, One to Eight; Shammai says, Eight to One. And the law we follow today is the opinion of Hillel.

It makes sense. The rabbis say that each night we look forward to more light. Tomorrow will be better, more light, more hope, more happiness, more solutions to our problems.

Faith, hope and optimism in a better tomorrow is a fundamental teaching of the Jewish religion.

Happy Hanukkah,
Hillel E. Silverman



job to clean them up.

The good thing is.... that in Israel, the Jewish State, we have Jewish robbers! So, it's like a member of your family robbing you...not so awful!

I now have a new metal door with special locks that go into the wall, and cannot be broken. Also, I had bars put on the outside of the window so that no one can enter by breaking the window. And, the best part of this is that my landlady agreed to pay half the cost! Life in Israel is really exciting!!!

Sylvia

Hello from Israel (follow-up)

So I came home from shul and entered my building and turned the corner in the lobby to go to the elevator.....when from the corner of my eye I spied the door to my storage room. Something did not look right! The door was closed but had a crack on one side of it, and the lock under the handle (a new one for which I paid much shekels) looked odd. Upon closer inspection I realized that the lock had been broken. Suddenly I heard some noise from within the room and I realized that someone was robbing my storage room! I thought to myself in that moment, that I would enter the room in a run and tackle the robber. But in the second moment I discarded that idea and told myself that I was no longer a spring chicken. What would I do with the robber after the tackle? He would probably punch me in the face, break my nose, blacken my eyes, and possibly even shoot me! There was nothing valuable in the room, why should I risk my life! So, instead of running headlong into the room, I banged on the door, knowing that the window in the back wall of the room was undoubtedly open, and yelled, "Get the hell out of this room you robbers!" Then I opened the door just in time to see the young man jump through the window and hear a car screech away. What excitement!

Turns out, the robbers had just arrived when I came home from shul and just had time to open one carton, which was filled with family photos and slides. The photos and slides were all over the room and it was a

Operation Hope

On Sunday, January 29th our congregation will once again be feeding the residents of Operation Hope, a family homeless shelter. We will be delivering dinner at 5:50PM. Staying to serve dinner is optional. Operation Hope is located at 123 West Orange in Vista. You can go there directly or meet at the shul at 5:40PM to caravan to the shelter. If you prefer not to cook, but would like to make a cash donation for groceries, please contact Laurie Garry at (760)724-0442.

A Festive Time for All at Our Hanukkah Party

On Saturday night, December 17 we had our annual Hanukkah party. Our thanks to Carol Gajewski for being chairwoman of this special event. It was a lively evening with beautiful decorations, great food, luscious latkes, and uptempo Hanukkah music.

We had a full house of members, their families and friends with lots of laughter and camaraderie. Our thanks to all the members that pitched in to help, Naomi and Bill Stein, Temmie Rosenthal, Sharon and Daniel Lomayesva, Lee Gura, Roberta Maimes and any other volunteers that we may have missed.

We are also proud to say that we raised some needed funds by selling 35 dozen latkes, held a raffle, plus collected funds for the dinner. A highlight of the evening was the "White Elephant Gift Exchange", in which everyone's unwanted "chachkas" went to a new home. What a great way to recycle! To sum it up a great time was had by all.

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