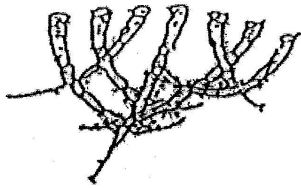


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BULLETIN



3 TISHRI - 3 CHESHVAN 5772

OCTOBER 2011

FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

As I sit at board meetings, it is sometimes difficult for me not to get involved in some of the discussions that still go on at every meeting. I managed to do so at the last meeting and am happy I did. Despite what is said at the meetings and the intensity of the conversation, one thing is certain. Regardless of their individual opinions, thoughts and expressions, each of the people involved in the discussion wants what he or she feels is best for Cong. Beth Tikvah, The New Milford Jewish Center. I do as well.

Last month in my article I asked a question that I hope will be resolved in a positive way. I asked, that while we are all concerned about whether or not we keep our building and are able to stay here for whatever period of time we can; or if in the end we will end up merging and losing the ability to stay in our building the sad truth is that most everyone is arguing about a building. I have heard precious few words about remaining a **functioning** congregation **in practice** as well as in name.

I can tell you that when I started here, the Friday night minyan was smaller than it is now although even now it is small and rarely goes above twenty without some special occasion or congregational dinner. Frankly, I am thrilled to know that we can pretty much count on Friday night services being held with a minyan except in the worst of weather, and even then, we have managed in most cases. Shabbat morning is unfortunately not as "strong" and to reach 20 we often have to depend on the presence of one family to bring the total up to that minimal number.

Sunday morning can be even worse although there again we usually make a minyan albeit with great difficulty.

And so, my question to all our readers is let's assume that we are successful in maintaining a presence in our building; will we be able to muster up enough people to make that presence significant enough to make it worthwhile. Should people saying kaddish have to worry that there will not be a minyan

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Shanah Tovah U'Metuka. I hope that you and your families will have a good and sweet year.

As we attend services during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we will be entering our building to see a large congregation occupying the seats. Old acquaintances will be rekindled from last year's services. It is pleasant to see each other once again after a year of separation. What's news are exchanged, births are announced and deaths reported. How unfortunate it is that another year will pass before many will once more see the inside of our chapel.

It is a macabre manifestation that for many a trip to our services is to say Kaddish for one who has recently died or for one whose anniversary of death is being marked.

You are all urged and invited to attend our Shabbat and Festival Services. Our rabbi gives interesting sermons and whether one agrees or disagrees with their content, one goes away sated with food for thought.

As stated before, there are some who come when they are obligated to say Kaddish. They come to services expecting to have minyan and are angered when one or two are missing. Why don't we all pledge to ourselves to attend at least one service a month? This does not mean that you are not allowed to attend more. If we can do this, it will mean that the odds of having a minyan in place, on time when services begin, will improve greatly. It is very disconcerting at the beginning of services to look around and think, when will number 10 arrive?

I personally find it unacceptable when one spouse has to say kaddish and his or her spouse is not in attendance.

Let us make a vow to ourselves to attend at least one service a month.

Let us each make an effort to strengthen our congregation.

May we all celebrate the chagim and life in health, for many years.

Howard J. Cohn
President, New Milford Jewish Center

VOTING

In order to vote on matters concerning Beth Tikvah, one must have **FULLY PAID UP** last year's dues.
(2010-2011)

Howard Cohn, President

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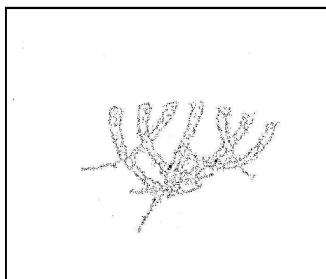
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Rabbi Mark - continued

for them? Absolutely not! However, they do. Unfortunately, those that say kaddish for yahrtzeit are in attendance only on those weeks that they are saying kaddish. What if the small nucleus of people couldn't make it, then they suddenly get upset and ask: What do you mean we don't have a minyan, I have to say kaddish. Wouldn't it be nice to come once a month? It would make a great deal of difference.

I must admit, that I sometimes ask myself another question. Am I really going to continue to write and give sermons when there are nine or ten people other than myself in attendance? I don't think anyone can understand the frustration of speaking to empty seats on a regular basis unless they have done so themselves.

If you happen to watch the TV show America's Got Talent, you may have heard the judges comment on how difficult it is for comedians to be effective when they give their first auditions to an audience of empty chairs. It is no easier for a rabbi to talk to empty chairs.

As we enter the High Holiday period, I am asking that we try to establish a new pattern. Most of our members are retired. Why can't we get a minyan on Yom Tov (holiday) evenings without "pulling teeth." OK, we will get one on the first and second nights of Rosh Hashana, but what about Succot. Wouldn't it be nice if we could usher in the holidays of Succot, Shmini Atzeret and Simchat Torah with more than a handful of people? Wouldn't it be nice to see the building that people are fighting to keep being occupied and utilized, as it should be? Wouldn't it be nice if we could be assured that we will have sufficient numbers to complete the holiday service on holiday mornings?

Last year at this time I made an appeal for people to come to shul at least once a month on a Friday night or Shabbat. I must say, it was the least successful appeal I have made since I started at Beth Tikvah.

A synagogue is more than a building; it is a working body with a membership that **requires** participation – at more than a board meeting, at more than an adult education program, at more than a trip to a museum.

Perhaps you would feel more comfortable if you could participate in services. If so, let us know. If you don't know how, we can help you start slowly. None of us in this congregation are great cantors. **You** can set an example for your children and grandchildren who may have wandered away from Yiddishkeit and who will come to hear you lead the service. Perhaps **you** will inspire them to "get connected". Perhaps **you** may be so successful that they will start attending services where they live. Each of our members has within them the power and ability to make an impact on themselves, on the congregation and most importantly on their family and friends.

Please join us. I am honestly bored of harping on this topic as you are reading about it. You can make it go away. I would love to write an article about what a wonderful response we have had to my appeal. I hope we can make it happen!!

**Congregation Beth Tikvah
Donation Cards**

Donation cards are for all occasions and are well received by those who get them. They are also a good fund-raiser for Congregation Beth Tikvah. The cards are beautiful and a \$10 or greater donation is requested when ordering a card. The cards are on display in the lobby entrance.

Please call Carla at 201-261-4847.

Yom Kippur Service

Erev Yom Kippur

Mincha - Friday, October 7 at 5:45 PM
Kol Nidre – Friday, October 7 at 6:05 PM

Yom Kippur Service - Day

Saturday, October 8

Shaharit at 8:30 AM
Yizkor at 11:00 AM
Mincha at 4:50 PM
N'elah at 6:00 PM
Shofar at 7:10 PM

Sukkot,

Erev Sukkot Wednesday, October 12 at 6:00 PM
Day 1 - Thursday, October 13 at 9:30 AM
Day 2 - Friday, October 14 at 9:30 AM

Sh'mini Atzeret, Simchat Torah

Erev Sh'mini Atzeret - Wednesday, October 19 at 5:50 PM
Sh'mini Atzeret - Thursday, October 20 at 9:30 AM
Yizkor at 11:00AM

Erev Simchat Torah - Thursday, October 20 at 6:50 PM
Simchat Torah - Friday, October 21 at 9:30 AM

Kabbalat Shabbat - Friday October 21 at 7:30 PM

MESSAGE FROM RABBI MARK

In lieu of a good and welfare committee The Rabbi's Discretionary Fund will be providing Shabbat Dinner (Friday night and Shabbat lunch) to families sitting shiva.

Comforting a mourner is a great mitzvah !! A fund for this purpose will be maintained so if you wish to contribute to the fund and partake in the mitzvah please send in your contribution of \$15 to help defray the cost. All contributors partaking in the mitzvah will be made known to the family as is customary.

Checks can be made to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund or to Beth Tikvah properly noted for the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund in the designated space.

Thank you! G-d willing we will not need this fund too often.

Rabbi Bob Mark

The Yom Kippur Break Fast

Join us for a bagels and lox dinner after Yom Kippur Services on
Saturday, October 8, 2011

The price is \$15.00 per adult and \$5.00 per child under 13 years of age..

Please make your reservation by Wednesday, October 5.

This is not a fundraiser.

We hope to just cover costs and provide a lovely evening.

Please call Carla in the office at 201-261-4847 or

Renee Abrams at 201-265-1998 to make your reservation

PEGGY SASLOW'S CORNER

Hints: Continued

7. Take care in measuring. The way you measure flour is crucial. One cook's cup measure may be a cup and a quarter for another cook. You do not shake the cup to level and if you do not want to sift, very lightly spoon flour into cup and level with a knife. Do not scoop flour out of container and do not tap on counter to level. Use a dry measuring cup, one without a spout. Use a liquid measuring cup for liquids - one with a spout. Measure all ingredients for baked products carefully. This is not just a cake you are making but a chemical formula and hasty measuring will not give you a top notch product. If you want to fool around with soup - go for it.

8. You overcrowd the pan. And the result is soggy food that does not brown. All food releases moisture and the food will steam and give you poor results. The brown crusty bits are crucial for flavor. The browning principle applies to quick cooking foods such as salmon patties and chicken breasts. Leave breathing space and if you are in a hurry, use 2 pans.

9. You mishandle egg whites. Egg whites have to be at room temperature to get full volume. Separating eggs must be done carefully. One drop of yolk or any fat will prevent a proper result of fluffy, high volume whites. Try cracking an egg into your hand and let the white slip through, leaving the yolk in your hand or use an egg separator. Do not add a second white to first. When you get to 3rd or 4th egg you may get a drop of yolk and all your whites are ruined. Always put one white at a time into bowl and then transfer to other whites. Beat at high speed until soft peaks form when beater is lifted. Properly beaten egg whites will remain in bowl when turned upside down but be careful. And fold whites into batter gently by cutting down the middle, give the bowl a quarter turn and repeat.

Peggy Saslow - continued

Zucchini and 2 Potato Soup

- 2 medium onions in chunks
- 1 stalk celery in chunks
- 2 tbsp. oil
- 2 medium zucchini (3 cups grated)
- 2 medium sweet potatoes (4 cups grated)
- 2 potatoes 2 cups grated
- 8 cups vegetable broth
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 tsp. basil
- 2 Tbsp. minced fresh dill or 1 tsp. dried

Process onion and celery with several on/off pulses.

Sauté onions and celery about 7 or 8 minutes in a soup pot.

Grate zucchini, and potatoes in processor.

Add to soup pot along with remaining ingredients. Simmer, partially covered for 30 minutes. Adjust seasonings to taste.

CALL US.....with news of your "simchas". Happiness is contagious. Help us "infect" our membership. We will be delighted to share your good news with our readers. Call the Center Office at 201-261-4847 and speak with the center secretary, Carla Silver.

Invitations by Sisterhood:

Sisterhood can help you with your simcha invitations. You also earn donor credit for your order.

If interested, please contact Barbara Epstein at 201-265-7677.

Tree of Life

The beautiful Trees of Life that adorn our main Lobby are Thank G-d almost full.

We have a place for the next Tree in the Main Lobby and are looking for a sponsor or group of sponsors to underwrite the purchase of a new Tree. A plaque will be placed at the Tree with the name of the Donor(s); in addition the Center will hold a special dedication ceremony.

If you would like to sponsor or co-sponsor the Tree, please call me at 201-265-7677.

Michael Epstein
Chairman,
Tree of Life Committee

REMEMBER:

Bring some cans or boxes of Food for the Hungry anytime you come to the Center.

(Not on Shabbat)

If you need a ride to a NMJC event call the Center Office at 201-261-4847.

RITUAL REMINDER

Head coverings should be worn whenever you are in the synagogue. Traditionally, men are required to do this, for women it is optional.

Friday Night Services

Friday night services are scheduled for 7:30 PM except when there is a Shabbat dinner scheduled and then services will start at 6:30 PM

GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

Mezzuzahs, menorahs, jewelry, Marcasite and Tchaskas. Also evening bags. Call Bella Viezel at 201-265-8768.

Please get in touch with Bella for discounted prices on any Judaica before buying it yourself in a retail store.

Room Rentals, Kiddushes and Oneg Shabbats

Please contact Deanna Greene at 201-265-1182 for all room rentals and to sponsor a Kiddush.

During Shabbat services we announce and celebrate the birthdays and anniversaries of congregants for the upcoming week. Please join us for services and sponsoring the Kiddush or Oneg in honor of your simcha (happy occasion). Costs for Friday night begin at \$75.00 and costs for Saturday morning begin at \$100.00

ADULT EDUCATION

The Adult Education Committee always welcomes your thoughts, ideas or suggestions for religious or social events.

Claire Birnbaum, Chair
201-546-1309

Tallis & Tefillin

Do you want to participate in a “hands-on” (and heads-on) experience at services? Come to our weekly Tallis & Tefillin service on Sunday mornings at 9:00AM. Can't find your Tefillin? We have extra sets. Don't know how to put them on? We'll instruct you. Need another good reason?

Breakfast of bagels and lox is provided after services. The cost for breakfast has been reduced to \$8.00 (\$10.00 if bagels are taken home.

The T&T Minyan is in need of your help—since a few “regulars” have moved from our community, we have been having some trouble in “making the minyan”. Please consider joining us as often as you can.

Important Request

In order to keep our records current and to be able to contact you with the most current information, we are updating our email list. Congregation Beth Tikvah, therefore, requests that all members with an email address drop a quick email note to the office at the following address: bethtikvahoffice@yahoo.com

Your name will then be added to our email list and you will get regular mailings. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

Please pay for your Shabbat dinners when you make your reservations.

Thank you,
Daniel Liebgott

MEMORIAL PLAQUES

Memorial Plaques for the sanctuary wall are a meaningful way to recall our departed and fulfill our obligation to give tzedakah on their behalf.

Plaques can be ordered by submitting the following to the Center office in writing:

- The name of the deceased
- The Hebrew date of death (if unknown, furnish the English date)
- The name of the person(s) who is/are to receive the acknowledgement.

The cost of a memorial plaque is \$175.00, and must accompany the request.

CEMETERY PLOTS AVAILABLE

Rabbi & Sara Halpern, who reside in Jerusalem, are offering their unused 8 grave family plot in Block 5 of Cedar Park Cemetery, Paramus, for sale. It is permitted to divide it into 2 four-grave plots if desired.

The rabbi pledges a substantial donation to our congregation if the plot is sold thru us.

Please contact Rabbi Halpern directly at: HALSARA@netvision.net.il

Phone: (011)-972-2-678-4038 (Israel time is 7 hrs. later than U.S. time). In New Milford you may phone our cemetery chairperson Bob Nesoff - 201-385-2000.

PLEASE NOTE:

Deadline for listing of donations in the bulletin is the last day of the month two months preceding the bulletin date. For example, donations had to be received by July 31st for publication in the September bulletin. Any donations received after that date will appear in the following issue. Please be advised that the same deadline applies for all articles, “thank yous” and any other Bulletin submissions.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2011
TRIP TO THE
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY
www.nmajh.org



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Update on Museum bus trip 10/16/2011

The bus will be leaving at 9:00 A.M. Sharp.

Lunch options are as follows:

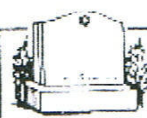
1. Bring your own.
2. Order kosher box lunch from Museum through Claire (please ask Claire for a menu).
3. Eat at food court next door to Museum.

All lunch spaces within the Museum are booked on 10/16. However, our group may take their lunches next-door to the historic Bourse building – a food court and souvenir mall. Museum guests are always welcome at this large and unusual tourist site, and seating is ample. (For more information, please see www.bourse-pa.com).

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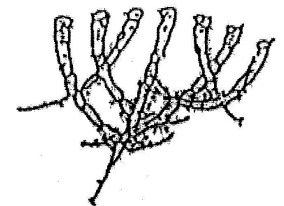
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Chag Sameach





Looking Ahead

Sabbath evening services

Friday – 7:30 P.M.

Sabbath morning services

9:30 A.M.

Tallis and Tefillin Service

Every Sunday morning 9:00A.M.

The Rosner Memorial Chapel followed by breakfast and discussion

Monday, October 3

8:15 PM

Board Meeting

Sunday, October 16

9:00 AM

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