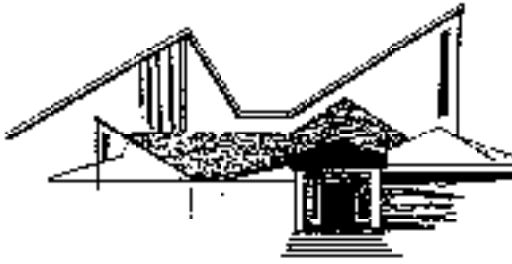


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IT'S COMING BACK AGAIN!

CBE BROTHERHOOD IS PLANNING A GARAGE SALE, TO BE HELD IN THE CBE PARKING LOTS ON SUNDAY, 14 JUNE 2009, FROM 9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM. PLEASE BEGIN TO SET ASIDE ALL THOSE ITEMS THAT YOU HAVE, FOR YEARS, BEEN PLANNING TO. YOU SHOULD PLAN TO DELIVER ALL DONATED GOODS TO CBE ON Saturday evening June 6, between 7 and 10 pm, and on Sunday, June 7, between 9am and 2pm.

A CREW WILL BE ON HAND TO ACCEPT YOUR ITEMS AND PROVIDE YOU WITH A RECEIPT FOR TAX PURPOSES. ALL ITEMS WILL BE STORED IN THE BUILDING FOR THE WEEK. EARLY SUNDAY MORNING, 14 JUNE, THE GOODS WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE BUILDING, PRICED, AND PUT ON DISPLAY.

AS WITH ANY GARAGE SALE, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ITEMS WHICH WE CANNOT ACCEPT, AND THESE ARE LISTED BELOW:

1. LARGE APPLIANCES, SUCH AS WASHERS, DRYERS, STOVES, AND SNOWBLOWERS
2. LARGE FURNITURE INCLUDING COUCHES, RECLINING CLUB CHAIRS, DINING ROOM TABLES, ETC
3. AUTOMOBILE TIRES

WE WILL GLADLY ACCEPT ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT SUCH AS COMPUTERS, RECEIVERS, TELEVISIONS, ETC., BUT **ONLY** IF THE ITEM IS IN GOOD WORKING ORDER.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP YOU INFORMED AS OUR PLANS EVOLVE. IN THE INTERIM, SHOULD ANY QUESTIONS ARISE, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO GET IN CONTACT EITHER WITH:

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- by FAX: call Congregation Beth Elohim or the editor.

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Schedule of Services

Friday, June	5	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service#
Saturday, June	6	10:00 AM	Shabbat Service#— Austin Wolf Bar Mitzvah
Friday, June	12	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service#—Board Installation/Volunteer Recognition
Saturday, June	13	10:00 AM	Shabbat Torah Study
Sunday, June	14	8:30 AM	Shacharit Minyan
Friday, June	19	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service
Saturday, June	20	10:00 AM	Shabbat Service#— Lindsay Darlow Bat Mitzvah
Friday, June	26	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service
Saturday, June	27	10:00 AM	Shabbat Service#— Rebecca Shamah Bar Mitzvah
Friday, July	3	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service—Lay Led
Friday, July	10	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service
Sunday, July	12	8:30 AM	Shacharit Minyan
Friday, July	17	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service—Lay Led
Friday, July	24	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service
Friday, July	31	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service—Lay Led
Friday, August	7	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service—Lay Led
Sunday, August	9	8:30 AM	Shacharit Minyan
Friday, August	14	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service#
Friday, August	21	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service—Lay Led
Saturday, August	22	10:00 AM	Shabbat Service#— Carly Chinitz Bat Mitzvah
Friday, August	28	8:00 PM	Shabbat Evening Service#
Saturday, August	22	10:00 AM	Shabbat Service#— Alex Childs Bar Mitzvah

- Denotes services conducted by Rabbi and Cantor

President's Message**Linda Minkoff****minkoff1s@aol.com**

As word got around that I was to become the new congregation president, I expected to hear words of congratulation, or perhaps even of awe; what I did not expect was what I heard instead: "Are you nuts?" and "You can't be serious!" and my all-time favorite, "What could they possibly have on you that could get you to do that?" Needless to say, these comments from my, presumably, well-meaning friends and fellow congregants gave me pause. What, indeed, had I gotten myself into and, more importantly, how could I live up to the standards set by my predecessors? I found the answers I was looking for from the people who knew best about the job I was about to accept—the many former presidents who would both inspire and guide me on my way. "This is the best job you will ever have," said one, "the rewards are countless and will come in varied and unexpected ways," said another, and finally, the

words I was waiting to hear, "you will discover strengths you never knew you had." It was at that point that this role took on an entirely new meaning for me. I understood that rather than being burdened with a daunting responsibility I had been bestowed with an honor—to serve the congregation that has become my spiritual home, and to give something back for all that I have received. I firmly believe that not only can every adult member of the synagogue participate on the Board, every member should consider doing so, for it is through diverse representation and new ideas that the Board will truly be able to serve the needs of our community.

I am an attorney and a single mother of two wonderful kids: Alex is a Junior at UVM and Sarah is about to enter her last year at ABRHS, and both are graduates of the Beth Elohim Religious School. My family has been affiliated with the synagogue since my conversion to Judaism twenty years ago,

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President's Message (continued)

shortly after joining Beth Elohim's first Interfaith group, whose members remain my extended Jewish 'family' to this day.

I am humbled by the many past presidents whose dedication, creativity and hard work have blazed a trail for the rest of us to follow. I want to publicly thank two former presidents who have brought so much to our organization in recent years. Natalie Matus is 'retiring' officially after serving eight years as President, Past President and Chair of the Nominating Committee. Natalie's long commitment to Beth Elohim and her eloquent leadership style set a standard that will guide the Board for years to come. Susan Wachter has truly been an inspiration both for her leadership as president these past four years and for her personal strength and courage in dealing with a life-threatening illness. Susan never allowed her personal struggles to interfere with her commitments as she guided the Board through an economic minefield that could have had devastating financial consequences. I am grateful that Susan will remain on the Board as Past President and my mentor and guide.

We have survived and remain in good fiscal health through the work of a creative and dedicated Board, but not without suffering the loss of our Family Educator position. I want to acknowledge and thank Heidi Lovitz who served for many years as CBE's Family/Youth Educator. Although we will no longer enjoy the benefits of having a Family Educator position, the programming Heidi developed while in that role will continue. The decision to cut the Family Educator position was unavoidable and based purely on fiscal necessity, yet it was made more difficult by the fact that the position was held

The Year's Last Shabbat Learner's Class

- Where did the Aleynu come from?
- Why does the Mourner's Kaddish mention "life," but not death or loss?
- What is the Musaf service?

Join Cantor Sarra for an evening of conversation, song, and study exploring the meanings and history behind the prayers that conclude our Shabbat services.

Tuesday, June 9 at 7:30 PM in the sanctuary. RSVPs to cantorsarra@bethelohim.org are always appreciated. No Hebrew reading experience is necessary; all are welcome!

by someone who has meant so much to our school and our community. We look forward to Heidi's continued ties to the Religious School and to seeing her, Peter, Melissa and Sam as they remain active members of our vibrant community.

I am greatly honored to have been chosen as your president and I look forward to facing the opportunities and challenges ahead together with the talented individuals who serve on this year's Board of Directors. I hope that you will join us at the June 12th Board Installation/Volunteer Recognition when we will thank the many members who have worked tirelessly and unselfishly to make our synagogue the warm and welcoming community that it is. ☆

Social Action Committee News

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Our next two HGRM (household goods) dates are Sunday, June 14th, and Sunday, July 12th, from 1-4 PM. In May, on Mitzvah Day, we had a small but committed crew (Ellen Maiman, Maida Fund, Karen and Tom Coll, and Eddie Rubin) and were able to get the job done. This is a great family activity for those with teenagers. Please contact Ellen Maiman at ellenmaiman@yahoo.com to sign up.

We are putting together our plan for the summer and next year and welcome your ideas. Drop me a line (erubin@alum.mit.edu) with your thoughts. If you don't have any ideas but just want to be added to our volunteer list for upcoming events let me know that as well. ☆

How to Reach Us

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Cantor Spierer	7
Judy Budiansky	1
Leann Shamash	3
Heidi Lovitz	4

Web Site

Our congregation web site, www.bethelohim.org, includes the online edition of The Star as well as a variety of other information including the bookstore link (Amazon.com) and a form for making a donation.

The People of Chelm Want To Know...**Bob Ferrara****978-263-8642**

The long and rich history of Judaism is so much more accessible to everyone today, even to the storied people of Chelm. Members of our Me'ah and adult education classes have studied this abundant past and wanted to share what we have learned with others who might also enjoy it. So this column was devised and each month there are three questions, usually from different eras. Most are fairly difficult questions, and you should be congratulated for trying to wrestle with any of them. The first two are new and the last one was asked in this column a few years ago. If you don't know an answer, you will find it on page 9. Please share your new knowledge with your neighbors, fellow congregants, and especially the people of Chelm.

1. Many rabbis of old had a clear opinion of what was the most important of all the 613 *mitzvot* of the Torah. What is it? This is a commandment we can all keep, or at least try to keep, even today.

2. June is a month for weddings, which are of course a cause of great celebration. In fact, we are even commanded to celebrate with the bride and groom. Are there occasions when this joy should be tempered? If a wedding party and funeral train come to a crossroads, which group should give way, according to Jewish tradition?

3. In keeping with the June wedding and marriage theme, here is a difficult question that was asked in this column several years ago. The eighteenth-century Hasidic Rabbi Yaakov Krantz of Dubno tells a interesting story that illustrates a moral quandary. It seems an elderly couple of the town had a lovely marriage that thrived despite the physical handicaps of each of them. In fact, many felt that these handicaps actually contributed to the peace and tranquility of their union. But one day they learned of a great physician, who was said to be able to cure conditions such as theirs. So they went to see him and agreed to pay whatever he might charge. True to his reputation, the physician did indeed cure both of them. However, the marriage quickly dissolved and the couple refused to pay, claiming instead that he owed them money for destroying a happy union. At this point, the physician offered instead to return them to their former condition. Both adamantly refused. This leads to two questions. First, does the couple owe the physician for his services? Secondly what were the original handicaps of the couple which contributed to the

former felicity of this marriage? ☆

Adult Education Committee News**Waky****978-263-1495**

What a year! What a time we've had! In case you forgot: working on Jewish aerobics with Israeli Dancing, learning with the Rabbi at Torah Study, the famous believe it or not Hebrew Marathon, learning about the environment with Michael Oshman from COEJL, an amazing ecumenical James Carroll, Cantor Spierer's monthly Learners' Minyan, our very own CBE Jewish Film Festival, a huge klez-out weekend with Hankus Netsky, Me'ah, Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah class, weekly Bible study, Tikkun for Shavuot! Wow!

I have to make a huge thanks to my committee: Bob Becker, Barbara Bender, Bob Ferrara, Sal Lopes, Roz Malin, Lois Rosenfeld, Karen Siegel, Carolee Schaffer, and the amazing cochair and board member—Deena Ferrara. Also a big thanks to those who took up teaching positions. You can too; always want to teach about Jewish Genealogy? What about conversational Hebrew? Yiddish? How can religion and science intersect? What's it like to live in Israel? The topics are endless and fascinating. Bring it on!

We want your ideas! We want your efforts! Tell us what you liked and/or disliked about this year's programming and tell us what you think we should schedule for next year. Join the committee or just drop in to toss an idea or proposal around. It's our community; we should study what we want. Please let me know where you think we should take this. Emails are fine; I'm in the directory. I'm entering empty nest-hood, so give me something to mull about. And have a terrific summer, filled with sunshine, lots of time to spend with your families and friends, and, if you're like me, go by the motto we have on a rock in our yard, given to Micky for Confirmation, "If you're lucky enough to be at the beach, you're lucky enough...."

And, as always, "Do not say, 'When I have time, I shall study,' for you may never have the time."

—Pirkei Avot ☆

It is with great joy that we
invite the congregation to join us as
Lindsay is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah
Saturday, June 20, 2009, 10:00 AM.
Sandy Roschelle and Peter Darlow

Sisterhood News

Karen Collins

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Happy Summer from Sisterhood! We hope that everyone is enjoying this glorious season.

The 2009/2010 Sisterhood Slate

- President: { Susan Lerner and Katie Paikin
- Corresponding Secretary: Karen Collins
- Programming: { Doris Goldstein and Arlene Weiss
- Recording Secretary: { Linda Friedman and Eve Aronoff
- Membership: { Julie McCall and Lauren Pollack
- Onegs: { Francine Perry and Honi Kawut
- Treasurer: Debbie Murphy
- Chanukah Fair: { Tina Bloom and Terri Margolis
- December Children’s Program: { Leslie Schroeder and Barbara Green
- Community Supper: Rebecca Bregman
- Fund Raising Event: open
- Sisterhood Dinner: { Karen Collins and Shannon Bischoff

Thank you to everyone for volunteering your time and making Sisterhood a meaningful & fun group. We could not do this without you.

Thank Yous

We would like to thank Marsha Mirkin for her wonderful discussion at CBE. We would also like to thank Hadassah for cosponsoring this event with Sisterhood. Finally, a huge thank you to Doris Goldstein and Arlene Weiss for organizing this event and making it such a special evening. Well done, ladies.

We would like to thank the following families for sponsoring Oneg’s in April and May: Art & Martha Shane, Honi & Sandy Chapnick, Ed & Michele Adelman, Jonathan & Janet Chinitz, Richard & Anne Blackman, Michael & Karen Brandstein, Leonard & Lauren Solomon, Andrew & Nancy Eisenberg, Bruce & Vicki Friedman, Lesley Ochlis, David & Karen Fox, Stuart & Cyndy Karon, Lauren Rosenzweig,

Mitchel & Jackie Wachtel, Howard & Phyllis Zubick, Barry & Deborah Diamond, David & Susanne Drugge, Ron & Leticia Fleischer, Sarah Coletti & Michael Biales, Rob & Cathy Block, Joel & Robin Emer, Lynda Cohen & Bob Grappel, Sharon Brown, Herman & Suzanne Kabakoff.

Finally, one last thought for your summer: make this year your year to get involved with Sisterhood. There are two open positions: we are looking for a Fund Raiser Event chair as well as a cochair for the Corresponding Secretary. The benefits are many: fun, quick monthly board meetings complete with food, wine, treats & great company. Just a bit curious? Contact Susan Lerner or Katie Paikin to find out more about how you can get involved.

Have a wonderful, safe summer and we look forward to seeing everyone in September! ☆

JCC Preschool Earns Accreditation

I had the honor of attending the wonderful ceremony last night at which Ronit Benshir and the entire staff of the JCC Early Learning Center, Acton received acknowledgement for achieving Magen Hagan Jewish Accreditation through the Bureau of Jewish Education.

This accreditation represents incredible thinking, reflection, intentionality and just plain hard work. The process encourages us to ask questions of ourselves about how we can create positive Jewish learning in our schools and then to implement the practices that will help us achieve that goal. Only about a third of Jewish preschools in the greater-Boston area have completed this multi-year process, and Acton joins two other JCC programs (Stoughton / Sharon and Gan Yeladim) in doing so. We couldn’t be more proud.

Being at last night’s ceremony was a powerful reminder of the fact that despite bad economies and outside stresses, our teachers, directors and staff at all the early learning centers are not only providing excellent education and care each and every day, but are continuing to think of how to be even better for the children and families we serve.

Mazel tov and *toda rabah* (thank you) to Ronit and her entire staff.

Jeanne Lovy
Director of Early Learning
Jewish Community Centers of Greater Boston

Fund Raising News

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Wow! Thank you for contributing to our Virtual Fund Raiser! \$14,233 and counting!

Last month we sent you a request to stay home and participate in a Virtual Fund Raiser to help CBE adjust to a difficult economic year. Well, you responded very enthusiastically. So far we have received generous contributions from 74 families plus the Brotherhood and the Sisterhood!

To those of you who have already donated, we say thank you so much!

If it has slipped your mind or you have lost the letter, we are asking you to please send to CBE what you would have spent had we offered another gala event, \$100 per family is suggested, so we can continue to meet the needs of our congregants and offer more wonderful activities we know you enjoy and expect.

Thanks! ☆

Chesed Happenings

Ellen Krueger

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Summer is often referred to as a carefree time. For most of us it can be. Schedules are less intense. Vacation plans propel us towards relaxation. But some of us aren't feeling carefree or loose. Some aspects of life can be just a bit more than we can han-

dle. If you need a helping hand with an occasional meal, or a ride to a medical appointment, or shopping, that's the kind of assistance The Chesed Committee is there to provide. It's confidential. It's there to give you a boost when it's necessary. Please let us help if you are in need of it. Call George Schaffer at 978-263-4341, or send email to chesed@bethelohim.org to get the ball rolling.

The Chesed Committee still needs help in one area. If you know of news the CBE Community should know, please call the office or send an email to chesed@bethelohim.org. We want to help the Beth Elohim community be aware of what's going on in the lives of fellow congregants via this article. That way members can send a note of congratulations, encouragement, or sympathy to those in the community who would appreciate it. Please pass your news along. If we don't know about it, we can't share it.

- *Mazal tov* to Faith and Robert Hirsch on the marriage of their daughter Jackie to Justin Adelson.
- *Refuah schlemah*, a return to good health to Shelley Klein after knee surgery.
- *Mazal tov* to Richard and Meryl Schwartz on the birth of their grandson David Lucas Karp, son of Leah and Steven Karp.
- *Mazal tov* to Richard and Meryl Schwartz on the engagement of their daughter Dr. Joanna Schwartz to Dr. Joel Elzweig ☆

Congregation Beth Elohim Donation Card
Virtual Fundraiser for the General Fund

I'm staying in my easy chair and participating in this event!

Donor: _____ Amount: \$100 Other: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

In celebration honor memory of _____

Please notify: _____

at _____

Donations will be acknowledged in *The Star*.

Make checks payable to Congregation Beth Elohim, Memo: Virtual Fund Raiser.

Mail to: CBE, PO Box 2218, Acton, MA 01720.

I do not wish to receive a thank-you note in the mail.

Or, you can donate to the General Fund online at: <http://www.bethelohim.org/donation/index.htm>.

Thank you for your support!

Family Mitzvah Day**Jill Shaya****jbs9497@comcast.net**

CBE's first Family Mitzvah Day was a great success on Sunday, May 3rd! Cosponsored by Family Education, the Religious School, Social Action and various others, we had a wonderful day inside our own and outside in our greater community.

Our religious school students packed and sorted the many donations made by our congregant families for our local soldiers' Iraqi troops, and we sent off 30 chock-full grocery bags of toiletries and other non-perishables to our troops. Many students included homemade notes and cards to go along with these items, including some lovely sentiments and even a carefully preserved four-leaf clover! Students also decorated and donated pots for The Healing Garden in Harvard, set up a raised bed for a Shabbat vegetable garden, assisted in planting and clean-up in our CBE Spring Clean Up day, prepared a meal for the Ronald McDonald House in Brookline, and held a car wash for Project Bread. Thirteen students and several parents also walked in and raised money for the Greater Boston Walk for Hunger. The combined money raised by our car washers and walkers totaled \$2800.00 for Project Bread.

We also hosted The Gift of Life Bone Marrow Registry at CBE. Their hope was to register at least 12 congregants for The Gift of Life, and with 30 registered, we far exceeded their expectations!

Many thanks from Family Education go to our Family Mitzvah Day collaborators; to Leann Shamash, our religious school teachers and class parents, to Eddie Rubin and his Social Action crew for organizing an afternoon family activity, and to Matt Liebman and his Spring Clean Up Day organizers. Additional thanks to Acton's Beth Petr, whose advice we sought in preparing to gather donations for our Iraqi troops, and who was a great help in sending these boxes to our greater-Acton soldiers.

Finally, I would like to thank Heidi Lovitz, our congregation's Family Educator for the past 12 years. We will miss her in this capacity and greatly appreciate all that she has done to enhance the experiences of our congregant families within and outside of the religious school. Heidi has made her professional mark in so many ways, including but not limited to organizing (and participating in) our 2008 Israel trip, her involvement in our Holidays Together preschool, Junior Congregation, and Midrasha programs, and in developing and presenting each of our religious school's grade-based family education pro-

grams. Thankfully, Heidi, Peter, Melissa and Sam will not be leaving our congregation and Heidi will also continue to be a religious school teacher at CBE. We wish her the best in her future professional endeavors! ☆

Minyanaires' News**Allan Krueger****978-263-3107 / ajkaltmail@yahoo.com**

Hot time, summer in the city.

Lacking a service to say Kaddish, what a pity.

Once again we've reached the time of year when the air temperature rises, the bugs raise havoc and life as we know it basically slows down. In the interest of maintaining something throughout the Summer that you can count on, there will, with the exception of July 4th, be a service each Friday evening during the summer.

In order to make that happen we will once again this year have lay-lead services to augment the professional staff. Lay-led services will be conducted on July 3, July 17, July 31, August 7, and August 21. If you've ever considered either conducting and/or delivering the sermon/*d'rash* at a service, now is the time to step up and select your date. We are looking to fill 10 positions; five each conducting the service and sermon/*d'rash*. You may do both on the same night or one or the other on two separate nights. Or either one or the other on any night. Feel free to partner with someone else. Last year we were treated to some very interesting and enlightening view points from our sermon/*d'rash* presenters and a couple of different melodies to our traditional prayers. A sample service is available for your use as is or from which you may branch out. Please contact me to let me know of your interest as I do expect the openings to fill fairly rapidly.

Shacharit services during this period will be conducted on June 14, July 12, and August 8 all of which are Sunday mornings. Starting time will continue to be 8:30 AM. Since many members of the congregation will be away at some time during the summer it is vital that we augment the normal attendees with additional congregants so that we'll have enough to make our minyan. Stop by and see what goes on. Participation while appreciated is not required. Non-judgmental assistance is available by request, as are *tefillin* sets if you'd like to experience the process but don't have your own set. ☆

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Answers For the People of Chelm and Any Other Curious Souls

1. Observing Shabbat is considered the most important *mitzvah* by many rabbis. According to one popular midrash, "all those who keep Shabbat are as if they fulfilled the entire Torah." As one learned rabbi put it, this day is God's "wedding gift" to the Jewish people and, by disregarding Shabbat, we reject the bond with God. Our wedding is off. Other rabbis also maintain that all other *mitzvot* flow from this one. This centrality of Shabbat seems a very appropriate practice, especially in today's overly busy times.

2. When a wedding party and funeral train meet at a crossroads, the wedding travelers should take precedence. The reason is that Jewish tradition always affirms life first. So in this case the life-affirming wedding celebration has priority over another significant *mitzvah* of burying the dead. Also please remember any *mitzvah* can be dis-

obeyed or ignored if doing so helps preserve or save life.

3. To make sense of this question, you needed to know that originally the husband was deaf and the wife blind. These handicaps contributed mightily to a happy and harmonious union, since the husband was incredibly ugly and the wife an incorrigible shrew. Before the physician healed them, she could never see how ugly he was nor did he ever hear her constant scoldings!

Rabbi Yaakov Krantz, or the preacher of Dubno as he was better known, often used parables, such as the one in this question, to better define moral dilemmas and anticipate possible answers. This story of the handicapped elderly couple is narrated in Rabbi Joseph Telushkin's delightful opus, *Jewish Wisdom*. The consensus view is that the couple does indeed owe the money to the physician. Rabbi Krantz argues that the couple must "accept responsibility for their actions."

Library News

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The Library wants to acknowledge the help of the Library Committee: Alan Berko, Chairman, Waky, Judy Budiansky, Sandy Haber, and Karen Siegel; and the assistance of Meryl Widman, Bob Becker, and Marsha Martin; and the book gifts of Jeff Bergart, Rivelle Sutton, the Benders, the Budianskys, and Anonymous.

Karen Siegel also recently donated to us a copy of *Haven* by Ruth Gruber. This tells the story of how she was asked by Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes in 1944 to go Italy to help 1000 Jewish and Christian refugees come to the USA with 1000 wounded soldiers. The refugees (actually 982 of them, mostly Jewish) were brought to Oswego, NY, and told that they would have to go back to Europe after the war. After a lot of politicking and lobbying, those that wished to, were allowed to stay here.

This is just one of the many "little" stories we don't hear much about, but it boggles the mind to think that these wonderful people, whose later lives are followed in the book in a new chapter, are but a very small number of victims of the Shoah who could have been saved. The books reads as interestingly as a novel—Ruth Gruber is a famous columnist and photographer still alive at 97.

Having thanked our workers and donors, let me thank you in advance for returning all the books

taken out during the past twelve months. Please look around your home and cars etc. for books which may have dropped into an unrecognizable spot. If you wish to keep any of these books longer, **please** e-mail me. Judy B. and I would really appreciate your cooperation in this so that we can cut down our e-mails and invoices to you.

There are new books for sale in the lobby. Please remember that your purchase of these are a part of our funding. The Library would certainly appreciate your donations to the Library Fund when you wish to honor or recognize someone. There are so many books and other media we would like to buy from these donations for your benefit.

We are still looking for a gift, or partial gift, of a flat screen monitor in good condition. We are also welcoming any new volunteers to do some simple Library work on their own time, as well as looking for new people to join the Library Committee, which meets infrequently. ☆

Yiddish and Contemporary
Israeli Music:
WERS, 88.9 FM, broadcasts
Chagigah, Sunday mornings
8:00–11:00 AM.

Bridge To The Future Update

The cochairs of the Bridge to the Future Campaign would like to thank the following people, who have made donations to the Campaign. Thanks to these generous donations, we have been able to retire the bridge loan and create a maintenance fund. This has strengthened our congregation and will help to ensure our longer term fiscal stability. We also thank all those who have made pledges. As of May 15, 2009, we have received \$71,457 in gifts and an additional \$22,938 in pledges, for a total of \$94,395. We hope to raise \$150,000 by the end of the campaign, which has been extended to June 30, 2010.

It is not too late to participate—the need to build our maintenance fund continues to be critically important to our future. Please contact cochairs Tom and Marlene Wachtell at 978-264-4660 or Natalie Matus at 978-264-9844 or send a check to CBE, PO Box 2218, Acton, MA 01720.

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 Larry Backman and Carol Sarshik
 Michele and Bill Barabash
 Alan and Peggy Berko
 Stanley and Marion Brick
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Community Connections: An Evening of Professional Networking

Experts tell us that up to 75% of all jobs are obtained through networking. Join us for this **free** community event on June 2nd from 6:30-9:00 PM at Young Israel of Brookline, 62 Green Street, Brookline (<http://www.yibrookline.org/directions.html>), near Coolidge Corner. This event is open to the public, but Pre-registration is required. Call Bellie at 617-399-3101 or send email to cmovesmail@jvs-boston.org.

If you're looking for a job, a business networking opportunity, have a job lead to share, or want to hire someone, this evening is for you. Attendees may be job seekers, hiring managers, or people employed in companies you're interested in.

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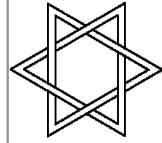
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Spring Clean Up**Matthew Liebman****m.liebman@comcast.net / 978-635-9652**

I want to thank everyone who helped out on the spring cleanups on April 12 and May 3. These include: Steve Heller, Andrew Gruskay, Bob Becker, Bud Samiljan, Rick Greene, Don Hoban, Karen Cheyney, Stuart Hitelman, Ann Blackman, Mark Marlow, and a special call out to Bobby Chiauzzi who lugged more mulch than Idylwilde Farms! Also, special thanks go to Danny Sherman, Mitchell Ward, John Wachter, Bryce Rashbaum, Josh McCall

and Rachel Leicher the *madrichim* who helped out on the *mitzvah* day. The cleanup days were lots of fun and I hope everyone enjoys the flowers and the plantings through the summer. ☆

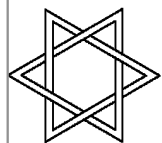
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Torah Study on
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June 2009

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9 Sivan	2 10 Sivan	3 11 Sivan 5:30-7:00 PM JCC Family Picnic	4 12 Sivan	5 13 Sivan Candle Lighting Time— 8:01 EDT 8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service #	6 14 Sivan <i>Naso</i> (Numbers 4:21-7) 10:00 AM Shabbat Service # —Austin Wolf Bar Mitzvah
7	15 Sivan	8 16 Sivan	9 17 Sivan 7:30-8:30 PM Shabbat Learner's Minyan	10 18 Sivan	11 19 Sivan	12 20 Sivan Candle Lighting Time— 8:05 EDT 8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service # —Board Installation/Volunteer Recognition	13 21 Sivan <i>Beha' alotekha</i> (Numbers 8-12) 10:00 AM Torah Study
14	22 Sivan 8:30 AM Shacharit Minyan 7:00 PM Congregation Board Meeting	15 23 Sivan	16 24 Sivan	17 25 Sivan	18 26 Sivan	19 27 Sivan Candle Lighting Time— 8:08 EDT 8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service	20 28 Sivan <i>Shelach</i> (Numbers 13-15) 10:00 AM Shabbat Service # —Lindsay Darlow Bat Mitzvah
21	29 Sivan	22 30 Sivan	23 1 Tammuz	24 2 Tammuz	25 3 Tammuz	26 4 Tammuz Candle Lighting Time— 8:09 EDT 8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service	27 5 Tammuz <i>Korach</i> (Numbers 16-18) 10:00 AM Shabbat Service # —Rebecca Shamah Bat Mitzvah
28	6 Tammuz	29 7 Tammuz	30 8 Tammuz				

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
			1 9 Tammuz	2 10 Tammuz	3 11 Tammuz Candle Lighting Time— 8:09 EDT 8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service—Lay Led	4 12 Tammuz <i>Chukat/Balak</i> (Numbers 19:22-10:22:25:9)	
5 13 Tammuz	6 14 Tammuz	7 15 Tammuz	8 16 Tammuz	9 17 Tammuz	10 18 Tammuz Candle Lighting Time— 8:06 EDT 8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service	11 19 Tammuz <i>Pinchas</i> (Numbers 25:10-30:1)	
12 20 Tammuz 8:30 AM Shacharit Minyan	13 21 Tammuz	14 22 Tammuz	15 23 Tammuz	16 24 Tammuz	17 25 Tammuz Candle Lighting Time— 8:02 EDT 8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service—Lay Led	18 26 Tammuz <i>Mattot/Masei</i> (Numbers 30:2-32:33-36)	
19 27 Tammuz	20 28 Tammuz	21 29 Tammuz	22 1 Av	23 2 Av	24 3 Av Candle Lighting Time— 7:57 EDT 8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service	25 4 Av <i>Devarim</i> (Deuteronomy 1-3:22)	
26 5 Av	27 6 Av	28 7 Av	29 8 Av	30 9 Av	31 10 Av Candle Lighting Time— 7:50 EDT 8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service—Lay Led		

 Congregation Beth Elohim August 2009 # — Denotes services conducted by Rabbi and Cantor							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
						1 11 Av <i>Va'etchannan</i> (Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11)	
2 12 Av	3 13 Av	4 14 Av	5 15 Av	6 16 Av	7 17 Av Candle Lighting Time— 7:41 EDT 8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service—Lay Led	8 18 Av <i>Ekev</i> (Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25)	
9 19 Av 8:30 AM Shacharit Minyan	10 20 Av	11 21 Av	12 22 Av	13 23 Av	14 24 Av Candle Lighting Time— 7:32 EDT 8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service #	15 25 Av <i>Re'eh</i> (Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17)	
16 26 Av	17 27 Av	18 28 Av	19 29 Av	20 30 Av	21 1 Elul Candle Lighting Time— 7:21 EDT 8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service—Lay Led	22 2 Elul <i>Shofetim</i> (Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9) 10:00 AM Shabbat Service #—Carly Chintz Bat Mitzvah	
23 3 Elul	24 4 Elul	25 5 Elul	26 6 Elul	27 7 Elul	28 8 Elul Candle Lighting Time— 7:10 EDT 8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service #	29 9 Elul <i>Ki Tetze</i> (Deuteronomy 21:10-25) 10:00 AM Shabbat Service #—Alex Childs Bar Mitzvah	
30 10 Elul	31 11 Elul						

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