

Temple Bnai Moshe News

Read and Enjoy this Occasional Update

May, 2008

Nine months later ... Did you know?

Grants and Donations

Thanks to the Fred and Sarah Lipsky Foundation for a grant of \$10,000 for our roof. Thanks to a local business group for a general grant of \$12,000 (and to Serge Bologov for finding it!). Thanks to people who contributed in new office furniture, new computer hardware, and new software. Thanks to all of you who contributed to the Chair Fund. Thanks for anonymous pocket change contributions collected by Vladimir Foygelman, and to another anonymous donor, for advances of over \$4,000 for design work. Altogether, we've received about \$35,000 in grants and donations in the last six months! Thanks also to Charlie De Gennaro for volunteering as our IT consultant - invaluable!

Congratulations!

Belated congratulations to the Rosenthal family on the Bat Mitzvah of Asya. Asya studied with Sexton and Ritual Director, Isaac Adar. This wonderful event was shared with the TBM family in the Pearlmutter Chapel. With intense love and pride, grandparents (members Mira and Joel Rosenthal) and parents shared this with us as a very special joy.

Belated congratulations to members Tanya and Vladimir Foygelman on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Eugene, also shared with the TBM family in the Pearlmutter Chapel and Social Hall. From poignant memories of Kiev through Vladimir's evocative dance performance dedicated to Eugene, this instilled heartfelt memories of what our families fought for, where we are going, and why. Thank you for sharing this with TBM members and congregants.

Congratulations to Yuri Rubenchik and Raia Levin on becoming grandparents!

And, to one of our favorite directors, Leo Knoff, **a very happy 90th birthday!**

And Unfortunately, Condolences -

Belated condolences to the family of Al Levitt. Al was taken from us suddenly and tragically. Al was an active member and board director for decades. Many of us will continue to hear and feel his echoes, his davening in the Chapel.

Belated Condolences to the Rosenthal Family on the loss of Joel Rosenthal. Mira and Joel Rosenthal's mutual devotion was, and remains, an enduring inspiration and example.

Condolences are also extended to our friend and benefactor, Ruth Shurrocks, on the loss of her brother. Ruth's generosity last year was instrumental in our survival.

Celebration - Don't Miss the Next One!

TBM and **Center Makor** cooperated to share Second Seder. TBM members and Makor families, fifty-two people in number, ages 5 - 85, (more or less) attended this heartwarming event led by our Spiritual Leader, Ted Schneider, and TBM Board Director, Marina Dvorkin. TBM members Vladimir, Tanya, and Eugene Foygelman personally cooked and served us a yummy four-course dinner, followed by spirited song and dance. As we shared personal stories of our respective families' emigrations, from 1910 through recent years, we wove through our common ground to a closer bond... Speaking of his own family's miracles, Pres. Yuri Rubenchik marveled that in Azerbaijan, he and Raia could do no more than go to Temple once a year to buy Matzo, but now, as they help rebuild TBM, Temple life is part of their daily life! L'Chaim and Mazel Tov from all of us to all of us ... including you. If you missed this, join us next time!

Shabbat Eve Services

Remember those too-small, too-intimate Friday night services? Our Cantor and Shamus stuck with it, and with us. Now, twice a month, Friday Evening Services are so well attended, they are often SRO! Services are conducted in English, Russian, and Hebrew. Come and share the joy of it! Services start at 7:30 p.m.

Message from our Spiritual Leader

I welcome this opportunity to greet you in this, the first issue of our Temple's Newsletter, and congratulate all those who have participated in its realization. I believe that in the long and dynamic history of Temple Bnai Moshe, with its wonderful heritage bequeathed by the generations of dedicated individuals who preceded us, that this is a defining and seminal moment. Each of us has the privilege, the S'hut, and the unique opportunity to help the creation of a lasting and meaningful tradition to help in the creation of an Or Chadash (a new light), an identity that will be a force, inspiration, and guide for our future generations. So, whatever your talents, your thoughts, your ideas, your energies, please share them with us. They are important to us, as are you. We are at a crossroad, a juncture in our history, and you can make a difference. Together, we can value our differences to create new and inspiring traditions.

Ted Schneider.

Message from our President

I believe in our congregation. I believe that it will become strong and big. I believe it will happen one day. I believe that day will come soon. I want to believe that all of you believe in that. And, you are what are most important — there is no congregation without **YOU**. Only with you can this congregation become **WE**. We are making it happen! Let's make it a happening!!!

Yuri Rubenchik

Happytunities -

Do you sing? We want a choir! Can you help? Can you read music? Are you a pro? Call me or call Ted Schneider. We need a pianist, and at least one tenor, one alto, one soprano, and one bass - and more IS better!

Are you nuts for yard sales?

Can you help organize a gift shop for us? A rummage sale?

That Good Book Club - Tired of reading a good book without sharing it? Shall we start with Them? Let's meet monthly. Call the office if you are interested in coming, or interested in helping.

Retired? We Need You Badly!

You have skills and knowledge that we need! Can you help? Are you willing to? Please call and register as a volunteer in your own career or profession. If you can do it, we need it!

Worship Schedule -Chapel

Shabbat Eve - 7:30 p.m. Day - 10 a.m.
Shavuot - June 8, 9, 10
Eves - 7:30 pm Days 10:a.m.
Yizkor - June 10, 11 a.m.
Shavuot - First Day - June 9, 10 a.m.
Shavuot - 2nd Eve - June 9, 7:30 p.m.
Shavuot - 2nd Day - June 10, 10 a.m.
Shavuot Yizkor - June 10, 11 a.m.

Wish a Yarzheit Minyan? - Call a day ahead

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