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President's Message

Condolences to Bernie Brown on the loss of his sister Cecilia.

Condolences to Tikva Yudkowitz on the passing of her father Rabbi Raab.

Condolences to Lynda Sacharov on the passing of her brother Harvey Fern.

The renovation to the synagogue building is moving along. I would like to thank everyone who has made a donation to renovate the building. Since the start of the renovation it has been determined that we needed to replace the roof and the furnace. I would like to thank everyone who has contributed money for these additional improvements. If anyone would like to contribute any additional money for these projects it would be greatly appreciated.

Wishing a speedy recovery to Aaron Sachrov.

Wishing everyone a Happy Purim and healthy Pesach.



Charles Miller
President



VIEW FROM THE BIMAH

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At the time of the writing of this article, we are sandwiched between two Tzedakah oriented seasons. Last Shabbos was Shabbat Shkalim, and the upcoming shabbos is Parashat Trumah. They both deal with charity, but in different ways.

Shkalim is the Mitzvah that every Jew had in Temple times to contribute a half shekel, to be used for the yearly communal offerings. This Mitzvah is commemorated with a special Torah reading, always conducted on the Shabbos that proceeds the month of Adar.

Trumah deals with the collections of moneys used for the building of the Holy Temple. In this instance, each person contributed whatever they were able to afford.

Why the need for two separate collections? Couldn't the fundraisers of the time do one collection, and then allocate the money to wherever it was needed?

Therein lies the lesson; G-d was teaching us that when it comes to the building of the Holy Temple – representing the infrastructure of Jewish life – there are two ways of giving, each one necessary, and each developing and nurturing a different part of the human character.

There were budgetary campaigns, which helped cover the ongoing expenses, and there were also special capital campaigns, necessary for the construction of the Mishkan and all of its accessories.

Similarly, our congregation has been blessed with a mirror process than that of the Holy Temple. We are currently successfully engaged in two very special projects, investing in the future of our community.

We are in the midst of renovating our Shul. Much headway has already been made in the demolition and framing of the new layout (see photos) and it is moving along very nicely, thank G-d. A few dedication opportunities remain, as we enter into the final phase of fundraising. Please contact me if you would like to take part in this special project.

In addition to the above, Young Israel is undertaking a fundraising initiative to cover the ongoing expenses of the Shul, including for some necessary maintenance of the building.

This effort is independent of the renovation campaign. To participate, please get in touch with the Shul treasurer, Norman Ferstenberg, or the President, Charles Miller.

May we always be blessed with the necessary resources to fulfill all of Hashem's commandments, especially the Mitzvah of Tzedakah, and to do it joyfully.



Wishing you and yours a joyous Purim!

Young Israel Renovation Update



Proposed seating diagram

Young Israel of Lawrenceville has been excitedly making plans for an indoor renovation of our Shul. A beautiful brochure has been sent out – if you have not yet received one, please call the Shul and we will mail one to you. Thanks to all those who have participated so far with small and large donations, we are well underway for a successful campaign, and have reached close to 50% of our fundraising goal. We've also secured a reputable architect and an experienced and recommended builder to begin the work, please G-d, in November. Thanks to the generosity of so many friends and community members we have reached this far, but more

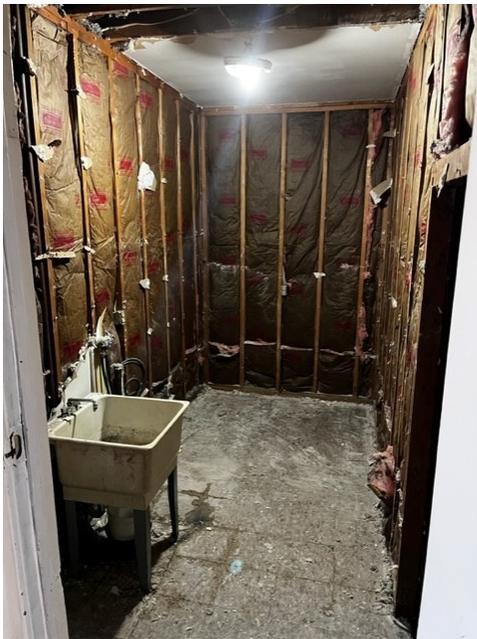
funds are needed. Please be in touch with any of the YI board members or myself if you would like to participate in this great project that will benefit the future of our community for many years to come. Thank you!

Rabbi Y. Goldenberg

Services will be held at the Rabbi's home during renovations.



YIOL RENOVATION PROJECT





Young Israel—Community Bulletin Board

YIOL offers a range of programs and services which enables opportunities for exploring Judaism in a non-judgmental way. Whether it be a prayer service, Torah class, or social gathering that you're seeking, you will be enthusiastically welcomed and celebrated, So come for a visit...and stay a while.

Adult Education Program

Please join us for our classes. All classes are conducted in English and are held at the Synagogue.

- **Tuesday evening class** -- Rabbi Goldenberg will be announcing a new series for his Tuesday night class.
- **Women's class** — Rebbetzin Goldenberg teaches a women's class on alternate Mondays at 7:30.

There is no charge for participation. For further information, call the synagogue at (609) 883-8833 any day from Saturday at nightfall through Friday early afternoon. If there is no reply, leave a message on the answering machine

Tzedakah Fund



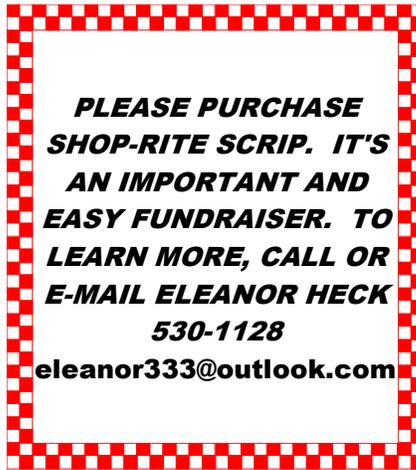
Our Shul has a Tzedakah fund to help those in special need of assistance. The fund is derived primarily from contributions collected from the "pushka" in Shul. If you know of such a person, please advise either Rabbi Goldenberg or Charles Miller.

Kiddushim

Our thanks to those who have sponsored kiddushim. For a full list of recent kiddush sponsors, please refer to Donations and Good Tidings. To celebrate your special occasion with a kiddush, please e-mail Dina Goldenberg:

dinagoldenberg@aol.com

When paying your dues, please send your Kiddush assessment (\$100) in a separate check, payable to the Sisterhood.



The Memorial Board

The Memorial Board in the Synagogue is a special way to honor, in perpetuity, the memory of departed loved ones. Plaques are \$250 each and may be ordered by contacting the Synagogue.



Yahrzeit Advisory

It is very important that our Shul provide a minyan to enable members and others to observe a Yahrzeit anniversary. Whenever you need to observe a Yahrzeit, please contact one of our gabbaim several days in advance so we can ensure a minyan will be available. Please contact Charles Miller (530-1846).

Visiting the Sick



It is a religious duty (a mitzvah) to visit someone who is ill. If you become aware of someone who is unwell or infirm, please advise Rabbi Goldenberg or Charles Miller immediately so that the person may be contacted and visited at an appropriate and convenient time

Donations and Good Tidings

“May G-d bless those who dedicate synagogues for prayer and those who enter them to pray, those who provide light for them, wine for Kiddush and Havdalah, bread for guests and charity to the poor and all who are involved faithfully in the needs of the community.”

(from the Yekum Purkan prayer said every Shabbot at the end of the Shacharis service).

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In memory of Harvey Fern
In memory of the yahrtzeit of Norman
and Jeannette's father
For repairs to the shul's roof and furnace

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In memory of Bernie Brown's sister
In memory of Tikvah Yudkowitz's father

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For repairs to the shul's roof and furnace

MANU ZUR AND TALI LEVIN

For repairs to the shul's roof and furnace





YIOL HISTORY—PART ONE

By David Klein

Now that the Shul's interior renovations are underway, I thought it would be interesting to research the origins of Young Israel of Lawrenceville (YIOL). I looked through the archives in Rabbi Goldenberg's office and here's some interesting history...

YIOL's roots began in 1971 when a group of Jews who lived in Lawrenceville wanted to have a regular minyan in town for Shabbat and Holidays, rather than rely on one of the Orthodox shuls in Trenton. They called themselves the Minyanaires and met at neighborhood homes. Services were led by Dr. Irving Levy. According to a newspaper article and photo, Barry Cohen was the first Lawrenceville Minyanaire Bar Mitzvah in 1974. His father Irving had created a "mini-shul" in the Cohen basement, including an Aron Kodesh for the Torah. The siddurim were on loan from "The People of Truth" - is it just me, or does Anshe Emet sound more Jewish? If anyone knows how to get in touch with the 62 year old Bar Mitzvah boy Barry, I'd love to hear his recollections.

By August 1975, Young Israel of Lawrenceville was in formation, with the first President Dr. Israel Nebenzahi and the first Rabbi Neil D. Winkler - Winkler was aware of the Minyanaires and let it be known he was interested in what we now call a start-up (as a coincidence, Rabbi Winkler was my mother's neighbor in Ft. Lee in the 1990s and she went to his shul. I verified it's the same Rabbi Winkler as the shul website says he was the

former Rabbi in Lawrenceville, NJ!). Rabbi Winkler is now a columnist for the Jewish Press and I plan on asking for his memories of Lawrenceville.

By Rosh HaShanah 1977, plans were announced to start a Hebrew School. For the next 13 years, in addition to the Cohen residence, the YIOL minyan met at the Heyden residence, Sugerman's, Greenwood's, a Texas Avenue storefront, the High School, the Middle School, Lawrence Plaza Apartments and Lester's house on Darrah Lane.

By 1990, the families of YIOL saved enough money to buy a house. There was as a lot of drama and difficulties getting permission to use a "neighborhood" house as a Shul - this sort of thing happened in suburbs throughout the US and still occurs today. There was a newspaper headline in the archive about how "lawsuits, withdrawals, wetlands hampered efforts" for YIOL to buy a property but I didn't find the article describing the details.

Our building had its first Shabbat services on 6/17/91 and the grand dedication celebration occurred on October 27, 1991. The shul library was also dedicated in 1991.

A great "Fun Fact" of my research was learning that the Rabbi hired in 1991 to lead YIOL in their new building was Joel Finkelstein! This is an amazing instance of hasgacha paratit as YIOL in 2023 has the amazing Joel Finklestein, Danit, Leah and Avraham always participating in shul events, Jewish activities and tefilot (prayer services).

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Concluding this month's history, I found a fantastic photo of Diane Miller and Tybie Abrams from the Trenton Times 3/11/96, showcasing the YIOL Hat Sale. It's important to note that for many years Tybie sent press releases and communications to the Times and other newspapers on a regular basis and successfully generated a lot of positive publicity and newspaper clippings for YIOL.



IMPORTANT CORRECTION

David Klein apologizes to Mort Cohen and family for the typographical error in the Purim newsletter. Leon Cohen was the father of Barry Cohen, who turned the basement into a synagogue.

David regrets the error.



MAY 31, 1974 AMERICAN JEWISH LIFE PAGE 25

THE MINYONAIRES

How A Group of Jewish Families Worship Together on the Sabbath

By Lois Lardieri

A house of worship. These words literally describe the homes of the Minyonaires, a group of families in Lawrence Township that worship together on the Sabbath and Holidays. I was privileged to worship with them recently and it was an experience I shall never forget. There was a warmth, a feeling of closeness to God that is completely lacking in a structured synagogue. Everyone is involved from the elders to the children.

As soon as the service began, I knew these people were here to pray and I felt a part of it. This was religion as it must have been in Biblical times and down through the ages. This was the way it was meant to be. As Dr. Irving Levy, of Princeton, began the chanting of the prayers, each one joined in and their voices rose as one. And when the Torah was brought into the room and each one could reach out to touch it, perhaps he felt just a little bit closer to God. With the reading of the Torah, all the men were involved at some point, and even the children were permitted to stand with the group around it. They wanted to be part of it and they were.

DR. LEVY

Dr. Levy, who is an ordained Rabbi, prefers to worship this way. He said it gives him a feeling of self identity that is missing in the synagogue.

At the close of the service the children uninhibitedly led everyone in the singing of the Psalms. Mrs. Arthur Sugarman feels this active involvement in the service is a wonderful thing for them. They are learning by doing, which is a better teaching aid than words alone.

3-YEARS AGO

The Minyonaires are a traditional group that formed three years ago. Several of the families adhere strictly to tradition and, since the closest synagogue is 5 miles away, it is a hardship getting to services on the Sabbath and Holidays. Thus, forming the Minyonaires was the answer for these families. Leon Cohen, Eugene Greenwood, William Greenwood, Arthur Rtkin, and Arthur Sugarman are the original founding families and indeed are the pillars of the group, sharing their homes on a rotating basis. Others have joined and there are times when their numbers swell to 60. One of the most loyal and devoted who hasn't missed a Sabbath since its inception is Arthur Garfing.

The Minyonaires recently reached a milestone with its first Bar Mitzvah. Barry Cohen, who was the Bar Mitzvah boy, said he was the guinea pig. "It was beautiful," elated Mrs. Cohen.

LEON COHENS

The Leon Cohens are enthusiastic supporters. They have turned the basement of their home into a miniature synagogue and have built an Ark to house the Torah they have donated to the Minyonaires. This Torah has been in their family for several generations, and it was from this that Barry read his Torah portion for his Bar Mitzvah. The prayerbooks and Bibles are on loan from the Congregation People of Truth.

The Minyonaires invite anyone who is interested to join them in Sabbath worship. Just contact anyone of the five families for information.



THE FIRST BAR MITZVAH BOY: Barry Cohen became the first Bar Mitzvah boy congregant of the Lawrence Township group aptly called The Minyonaires. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Cohen of Lawrence, strong supporters of the Minyonaires.

Kiddush Sponsors

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In honor of the birthday of Lawrence Levner

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In honor of our congregation and the arrival of LaLa Eventoff

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THE GOLDENBERG FAMILY

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In memory of Alice Hillman Heck



The “No-Hassle Kiddush Initiative”

Dear Fellow Shul Goer,

I would like to present the community with an opportunity that could benefit its members: I’ll call it the “No-Hassle Kiddush Initiative”.

If you would like to sponsor a Kiddush but you can’t (or don’t want to!) deal with the headache of shopping, preparing, setting up, etc., no worries. I will do it for you. Yup, you read that correctly. I will prepare your entire Kiddush – all you need to do is show up! It’s that simple.

I will offer you choices of delicious homemade salads and baked goods, pretty platters, tasty desserts, and more. I will even include the paper goods J Below, you will find a list of options, as well as other information that you might need.

Note: this offer is my own personal initiative. It is in addition to, not in place of, what is currently being arranged by the YI sisterhood.

If you have any questions, you can contact me:

dinagoldenberg@aol.com

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BASIC KIDDUSH - \$150

Salads (vegetable): Choice of 3

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Eggplant – babaganoush

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Tomato

Egg Salad

Olive dip

Chummus

Platters: Choice of 1

Fresh vegetable

Fresh fruit (seasonal)

Fish: Choice of 2

(Each additional \$10)

Gefilte fish with horseradish

Tuna (plain or scallion)

White fish salad (store bought)

Herring (store bought)

Nosh: One of each

(Each additional \$5)

Cookies – 2 types (rugelach, biscotti, chocolate chip, etc.)

Potato chips or Tortilla chips

Pretzels or other chips

Crackers – 2 types

Drinks: 2 seltzers and 1 juice (Soda upon request)

DELUXE KIDDUSH: \$225

Same as basic plus:

2 additional vegetable salads

Fish platter **OR** deli platter

Kugel – choice of potato, noodle or apple

Nuts or chocolate

Extras:

Cake for special occasion: \$50

*Price includes paper goods

*Liquor provided by Kiddush sponsor

List is flexible. If you would like specific or select items, that can be arranged.

One week advance notice for all orders!

Orders must be pre-paid.

NOTE: If you are expecting a larger than usual crowd, please indicate approximately how many additional



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Why Do Jews Send Mishloach Manot (Purim Baskets)?

One of the mitzvot of Purim is sending gifts of food, called *mishloach manot* (literally, "the sending of portions") to acquaintances. The obligation is to send a minimum of two ready-to-eat-foods to at least one person. Males send to males, and females send to females. Often this opportunity is taken to send gifts to many friends and relatives. The source for [mishloach manot](#) is in the Megillah. "Mordechai... enjoined the [Jews] to make the fourteenth day of the month of Adar... feasting and joy, and sending portions one to another, and gifts to the poor."¹

One of the themes of [Purim](#) is friendship and unity. When Haman asked King Ahasuerus for permission to destroy the Jews, he said "There is a certain people who are scattered and separate..." In contrast, Queen Esther knew that Jewish unity was essential when praying for G-d's help. She instructed Mordechai to "Go, assemble together all the Jews" for fasting and prayer. [G-d](#) is our father, and He loves nothing more than seeing His children unified. When we are united, we merit G-d's blessing and salvation. We give gifts of food on Purim to strengthen our bonds of friendship with our fellow Jews.

This article was obtained from the Chabad of Lawrenceville online website , written by Rochel Chein, and entitled, "The source of the Purim food gifts". .

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Book of Esther ch. 9.



In order to assure we have your current information on file so you don't miss our newsletter, or any shul announcements, would you please provide us with your current mailing address, email and phone number.

Please email this information to:

Lynda Sacharov
LSach@msn.com

Thank you...

Bereavement Services

King Solomon said, "There is a time for all under the heavens — a time to love, a time to journey, a time to plant, a time to reap, a time to rejoice and a time to mourn."

In a most loving and caring way and with the greatest sensitivity, Rabbi Goldenberg will make it his business to offer all the comfort, guidance and bereavement support needed. In addition, he will be glad to offer his assistance in preparation, officiating at the funeral, making Shiva services, arranging for the kaddish to be recited, etc.

For assistance, or for more information, please call: (609) 882-4330.



THIS SPACE HAS TRADITIONALLY LAID OUT LIGHTING AND SERVICE TIMES FOR SHABBOS AND YOM TOV. HOWEVER, THANKS TO THE CHABAD OF LAWRENCEVILLE CALENDAR THAT THE RABBI MAELS OUT ANNUALLY AND TO THE RABBI'S WEEKLY E-TORAH E-MAIL, WE HAVE DECIDED THAT IT MAY NO LONGER BE NECESSARY TO INCLUDE THE

INFORMATION IN THE NEWSLETTER. PLEASE NOTIFY RABBI GOLDENBERG IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE THE CALENDAR OR BE ADDED TO THE MAILING LIST TO RECEIVE THE E-TORAH PLEASE FEEL FREE TO NOTIFY ELEANOR, LYNDA, OR THE RABBI IF YOU WOULD PREFER THAT THE NEWSLETTER ALSO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION.



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