

Sisterhood

A new Sisterhood year is upon us and a new job for me - my first as Sisterhood President. I am looking forward to working with a wonderful and dedicated group of women. Watch your mail for monthly meeting notices, programs, dinners and events. Something is always happening! If you are already a Sisterhood member, try to come more often, and if you aren't yet a member, join us. It's fun and enjoyable.

Thanks to Marlene Serkin for her extraordinary job (as usual) in running the Rummage sale in mid-July.

On a sad note we say good-bye to our treasurer, Ilene Goldman, an indefatigable worker through the years for Sisterhood and the Shul. She is leaving the Binghamton area, and on a happy note, will be residing near her daughter and family in Albany. We will miss you, Ilene!

Due to rising costs and less fundraising, the Executive Board has found it necessary to increase our dues, from \$15 to \$20. This is the first increase in over 15 years. We hope you will understand.

Have an enjoyable rest of the summer and see at the September 10th meeting!

Clair Ladenheim, Sisterhood President

Sisterhood Dinner Recipes

Susan Wright and Meryl Sasnowitz prepared the dinner for the Sisterhood closing meeting. Many of the attendees asked for the recipes and Susan generously agreed to share them with us.

Country Captain Chicken (serves 4)

1 finely chopped onion
1 clove garlic (finely minced)
dash of pepper
¼ t. thyme
1 t. chopped parsley
1/3 cup blanched slivered almonds
1 T. cornstarch
3 T. currents or raisins
1 chicken cut in quarters or chicken parts
Skin chicken and brown in oven. Cook onion, pepper and garlic in skillet slowly for 5 minutes. Add salt, pepper, curry powder, thyme, tomatoes and parsley. Heat thoroughly.
Place chicken in roasting pan and cover with sauce. Bake at 350 degrees, 45 minutes or until tender.

Cook rice with the raisins, toast almonds lightly. Mix corn starch and water. Remove chicken from sauce; add corn starch mix to sauce and heat till thickened (if needed), stirring constantly.
Place rice in center of platter, surround with chicken and pour sauce over. Sprinkle with almonds.

Dark Chocolate Pudding (serves 4)

4 T. cornstarch
2 T. unsweetened cocoa powder
½ ounce bittersweet chocolate, grated
2 Cups skim milk (or vanilla or chocolate flavored soy milk for pareve pudding)
In a saucepan, thoroughly combine the cornstarch, sugar, grated chocolate, and cocoa. Add the milk and stir until very smooth. Cook on medium heat, stirring constantly until the pudding comes to a boil. Lower the heat and gently simmer, stirring continuously, for 3 or 4 minutes. Stir in the vanilla and liqueur; pour the hot pudding into a decorative serving bowl or individual custard cups and serve warm or chill for about 2 hours, until cold and set.

Seudah Shlishit

I would like to thank Dora and Sol Polachek, Suzanne and Tom Triebwasser, and Mark and Svetlana Budman for recently sponsoring *Seudah Shlishit*. Thank you for supporting these meals not only for the *gashmiut* (food), but also for the *ruchmit* (the spirit).

If you are interested in sponsoring a *Seudah Shlishit*, please call me at 773-8980.

Yasher Koach,

Rabbi Aminadav Adami

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Rummage Sale Report

I want to thank all of you who donated merchandise and/or volunteered your time to help out at the rummage sale held Sunday, Monday and Tuesday July 13, 14 and 15, 2008.

Set up was done on Sunday morning with a great crew coming in at 8:30 am. My goal was to be able to finish setting up so that we could open for customers by 11:30am. Well, our people came through again, and we were able to open up at 10:30 am. Thanks go to Shirley Lash, her daughter Krista, son-in-law Gene, and grandchildren Jenna and Jacob who came in and emptied the rummage room 9:30 pm Saturday night.

Thanks to the following for helping set up, clean up and working at the sale, we couldn't do it without you:

Jeanette DeLeon	Valerie Preston	Cathy Velenchik
Ruth Buschman	Marcy Yonaty	Claire Ladenheim
Meryl Sasnowitz	Judy Silber	Marie Werner
Lilly Wolf	Elisa Alweis	Dora Feuer
Marilyn Bell	Lillian Zodikoff	Dan Alweis
Miriam Alweis	Susan Wright	

Thank you, also, to Nancy Nagel, Inna Meecham, and Darlene Cady, customers, who come in for every sale and help us set up. Darlene also comes in to help clean up after the sale.

Thank you,

Marlene Serkin, Rummage Sale Chairwoman

We no longer accept the following:

- Electronics or small appliances that do not work
- Incomplete games, puzzles or broken toys
- Tom or dirty clothing and linens
- Items that are rusted or broken

If the item is really trash, please dispose of it.

Mitzvah Fund

Charney Oppenheim, 723-6205

Sisterhood acknowledges contributions to the Mitzvah Fund wishing:

Mazel Tov to:

Lily Choi on graduating from Hillel Academy
Peter Cohen on graduating from SUNY Albany
Leon & Suzanne Feldhamer on the birth of their grandson
Laura Greger on receiving the Jack & Mary Ferber Memorial Award
Marvin & Arline Kutz on the bat mitzvah of their grandson, Harrison Sam & Claire Ladenheim on the engagement of their granddaughter, Naomi Sam & Claire Ladenheim on the marriage of their grandson, David Shirley Lash for a special Happy Birthday
Jeffrey Levine on being accepted to Harvard for graduate school
Rhonda Levine on the graduation of her son Jeffrey from the University of Michigan
Bob & Charney Oppenheim on the birth of their granddaughter
Sorelle Parker on the birth of her great granddaughter
Bob Ruchames with thanks for being the 10th man
Jack & Marlene Serkin on the engagement of their grandson, Yoseph Lillian Sommer on the birth of her grandson
Rabbi Aaron & Rivky Slonim on the engagement of their daughter, Chany Shalom Staiman on the publication of his second book
Jerry & Rose Strauss on the bat mitzvah of their daughter, Elianna Harry & Roz Wiesel on the birth of both of their granddaughters

Refuah Sheleimah to:

Emily Guzenhauser

Marvin Oppenheim

Condolences to:

Les Bank in memory of his father
Larry Bleier in memory of his mother
Marcy Yonaty in memory of her sister-in-law

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Beth David Family

It's been a long time since our last issue, so hold onto your bifocals and get ready for a long read! Our summer weather has been a perfect blend of sunny days for golfers and rainy evenings for us gardeners. The earth is exploding with zucchinis! Several babies joined our extended family. Yosefi and Stuart Feldhamer of Brooklyn welcomed baby David Shalom, Suzanne and Leon Feldhamer are delighted with their newest grandson. It's been boys for the Feldhamers, three new grandsons in less than a year, and girls for the Wiesels, three granddaughters in the same time period. The latest, Hannah Rose, is the daughter of Naomi and Eli Katz of Dayton, Ohio. Heather and Jonathan Douek of St. Louis, added a girl, Lily Hannah to their family tree. Grandparents Bob and Charney Oppenheim took great joy in holding her during their visit to Missouri. Gelland Ron Weiss joined the Grandparent Club with the birth of a son, Shlomo Chaim, to Aviva and David Lowy of Queens. May the babies all live to Bar/Bat Mitzvah, to chuppah, and to 120 years in good health!

Les and Barbara Bank accumulated copious travel miles this summer. They spent their grandson Jackson's first birthday with him and his parents Michelle and Larry Ratterree in Atlanta. They also enjoyed feign their granddaughter Lily, daughter of Tanya and Will Wright, on her first birthday in Michigan. The Banks also managed a week of leisure in Las Vegas and a business trip to San Diego. Ilene Goldman relished her time in Florida with her children Shelley and Johnny Black and grandchildren Jasmine and Jason. And speaking of family time ... Sarah, ym and Rabbi Ami Adami treasured the month long visit of their son Gilad of Israel. Rivky and Aaron Slonim celebrated the *upsherin* of their son Shneur Zalman. The Slonims' *nachas* continued as they announced the engagement of their daughter Chany to Levi Yitzhak Levertov of Phoenix. Mazal Tov to the entire Slonim family.

Claire and Samuel Ladenheim have much to *kvell* about. Their Pesach journey to Philadelphia was a milestone, as Samuel was able to travel for the first time since his extended illness. The Ladenheims were then thrilled to *shep nachas* at their grandson David Rendsburg's wedding to Rebecca Blat of LA. This southern Jersey simcha was a delight! as eye witnesses by Harold and me. The Ladenheims are also overjoyed about the engagement of their granddaughter Naomi Shiffman of LA to Noah Davis of Montreal.

Marlene and Jack Serkin's family has been bustling with goodness. In June, Marlene traveled downstate to a reception in honor of her newly married granddaughter Tova, daughter of Paul Serkin, and her *chatan* Yair Yehuda. The couple was visiting from their

Contributions

General Fund:

From Dora & Sol Polachek – congratulations to:
Abigail & Tzali Lazarus on their new home
On Tzali Lazarus' continued actuarial success
Louis Rosenberg on his special Birthday
Maxine Rosenberg on her retirement
Laurel Greger on receiving the Jack & Mary Ferber award at the Shul dinner
The Karp Family on Jaqueline's Bat Mitzvah
Claire & Samuel Ladenheim on Rachel's graduation from Barnard.
Leon & Suzanne Feldhamer on the birth of two grandsons
Jack & Marlene Serkin on marriage of their granddaughter
Michael & Susan Wright on Kerry receiving the Better Speech and Hearing Award of 2008

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Mark Budman on receiving the award for his book, *You Have Time for This*
Lillian Sommer on the birth of her grandson, Asher Theodore

Lily Choi on her graduation
Peter Cohen on his graduation
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From David & Ruth Brunnberg — in honor of Sholom Staiman's new book
From Meryl & Harold Sasnowitz – in honor of their 40th Anniversary
From Dora & Sol Polachek –Thanks to:
Charles & Paula Rubin —for all your kindness and acts of goodness
Susan Wright — for your warm hospitality when hosting Sisterhood's

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home in Herzliya. Then came the news of the Serkins' grandson Yosef's engagement to Yomit Golub, both of whom are from NYC.

Arline and Marvin Kutz joyously attended the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Harrison Teich in Syracuse. He's the son of Renee and Don Teich of Baldwinsville, NY and the nephew of Maria and Bob Kutz. We're thankful Marvin was able to celebrate in good health after his recent surgeries. Marlon and Norman Rudin's grandson Gavriel, son of Debbie and Hal Rudin of Passaic, became engaged to Malka Seplovitz of Monsey. That good news came on the heels of Marlon's, "special" birthday. Another "special" birthday celebrant is Ruth Groh. May Marlon and Ruth enjoy good health until 120!

Jaqueline Karp charmed Megillat Ruth for her Bat Mitzvah commemoration at Beth David. This complements her earlier celebration in London amidst grandparents and extended family. Mazal Tov to Jaqueline, her parents Gina Glassman and Jonathan Karp, and her brother Issac. Elianna, daughter of Rose and Jerry Strauss, celebrated her Bat Mitzvah. Paula and Charles Rubin and Marlene Serkin attended the Teaneck *simcha*.

Kol HaKavod to our Beth David NCSY Chapter, led by President Michael Alweis, which was presented with the prestigious Chapter of the Year Award during our Har Sinai Region's Spring Shabbaton. This was quite a coup as a large chapter in the region has captured this award for the past seven years in a row! Additionally, members Blake McCabe and Jacob Mason were recognized for their dedication and service to NCSY. Marilyn Belford, an internationally known quilter, was guest artist for an all-day workshop at the Vestal School District. She wowed the IB and portfolio art students with her textile techniques. Sholom Staiman recently published *More Stories from Shin Sin*, a collection of columns published since his first book, *The Writings of Shin Sin*. Our Beth David library boasts a copy of this latest volume, and yours truly highly recommends it for Shabbos afternoon reading.

Refuah sheleimah to Samuel Ladenheim and to Frieda Samuels.

We mourn the passing of Elizabeth Sprague Stutzker, mother of Rebecca Webb and sister-in-law of Marcy Yonaty. Before her move to Florida, Elizabeth (Betty) was a shul member and a former sisterhood officer. We also mourn the loss of Sylvia Bleier, mother of Larry Bleier, and of Sheldon Klein, brother-in-law of Norman Rudin. We pray that the Stutzker Family, the Bleier Family, and the Rudin Family find comfort among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

We now approach a pivotal time in the Jewish nation's history, the three weeks leading to Tisha B' Av and the destruction of the Temple. Although this is a crucial time to mourn and to remember what we lost, we should also note it is followed by *Shabbos Nachamu*, a time for hope. Let us always remain positive in our speech and in our prayers for Israel's survival.

Please keep me posted about your family's happenings, as my column depends on your input. Call me at 797-5458 or email msasnowitz@stny.rr.com.

Meryl Sasnowitz

Donor Dessert

Rabbi Rachel Esseman — for your wonderful program at Sisterhood's Donor Dessert.

From Dora & Sol Polachek – Refuah Sheleimah

Ilene Goldman

Samuel Ladenheim

From Dora & Sol Polachek – Condolences to:

Shirley Raff- in memory of Barry Raff

Madeleine Miller & Family — in memory of Shirlee Galanty

Sylvia Diamond — in memory of your husband

Les Bank — in memory of your father, Abba Bank From Marshal & Phyllis

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From Barry & Annette Shaw — in memory of Sylvia Bleier

From Rita Shawn — in memory of Sylvia Bleier

Pi Colletta — in memory of Sylvia Bleier

From Marjorie Singer — in memory of Barry Raff

Shul Beautiful to:

Stuart & Margie Kaufman — mazel tov on the engagement of their daughter Kerri to Jonathan Weinstein

Maida Plaker — with thanks for being you from Marcy Yonaty

Maxine Rosenberg — mazel tov on her retirement from Harold & Meryl Sasnowitz

Harold & Meryl Sasnowitz — mazel tov on their 40th wedding anniversary from Sam & Claire Ladenheim

Shalom Staiman — mazel tov on publishing a new book from Sy & Carole Klonsky

Rebecca Webb — in memory of her mother, Elizabeth from Steve & Dora Feuer

Janet Yonaty — mazel tov on her 60th birthday from Gaby & Marcy Yonaty

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