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A Lifeline and a Miracle

Rabbi Paul Caplan

I hope all of you had a wonderful and joyous Chanukah. I pray that its afterglow will remain with us keeping alive the spirit of being a lamplighter to both our family and the world. Chanukah, as you know, is the season of miracles. Jerusalem, Israel, is the city of miracles. I'd like to share just one with you, which we partner with both from here and when we are in Israel. It is called: *Yad LaKashish—Lifeline for the Old.*"

Lifeline began with a dream. As Danny Siegel tells it: "a lady in her late 40s, Myriam Mendelow, quits her job of 22 years as a teacher because she is disgusted with taking her students to the streets and showing them decrepit, dying old people begging, sitting in misery and loneliness. She quits- - just like that- - begs for a teacher from the Ministry of labor, and drags beggars and abandoned elders to her first workshop- - a book bindery". She says, "let the old rebind the books of the young, and let the young see who has done the job so well, so carefully and lovingly. Let them rediscover the meaning of grandfather, grandmother. That's how simple it is."

This past Rosh Hashanah marked the beginning of the 50th anniversary of *Yad LaKashish* and in 1989, the now Executive Director, Nava Ein Mor, was chosen to carry out the vision Myriam had when she started *Yad LaKashish* in 1962.

In her 50th anniversary newsletter Nava explains how Myriam's vision is being realized and expanded upon. She wrote: "Five days a week, from 8:30 in the morning until noon, 300 participants come from around Jerusalem to enjoy the comfortable and stimulating atmosphere that fills each of our workshops, which include bookbinding, metal-work, ceramics, silk-painting, embroidery, cartonnage and rehabilitation."

The elderly artisans worked in a full range of professions before they retired, ranging from engineers to

SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, December 30 – Shabbat Service.....7:30 pm

Friday, January 6

Sisterhood "Bar None" Dinner.....6:00 pm

Shabbat Family Service.....7:30 pm

Rabbi Caplan and Cantor Bard will bless those with January birthdays.

Friday, January 13 – Shabbat Service.....7:30 pm

Friday, January 20 – Shabbat Service.....7:30 pm

Rabbi Caplan and Cantor Bard will bless those couples with January anniversaries. Our High School Havurah will present a special program. Our TAS Adult Choir will sing.

Saturday, January 21 – Shabbat Morning Service

5th and 6th Grades Junior Congregation.....9:30 am

Friday, January 27 – Shabbat Service.....7:30 pm

SPECIAL SHABBAT SERVICE, FRIDAY, JANUARY 20TH,

"An Homage to Levi Strauss and other Jewish American Inventive Emigrants" presented by our High School Havurah students. They will also dedicate a special chair for POWS/MIAS from America and Israel.

shopkeepers to surgeons to farmers. However, very few had any artistic background. They receive on-the-job training and supervision in producing beautiful, high quality Judaica and craft items. The work environment at *Yad LaKashish: Lifeline for the Old* is adapted to suit the capacities and limitations of each person, emphasizing the idea of acceptance of each individual, regardless of his or her difficulties.

In return for their work, the artisans at *Yad LaKashish: Lifeline for the Old* receive a monthly stipend and a wide range of benefits including a free bus pass, dental and eyeglass subsidies, gifts for the holidays and much more.

The unique high-quality crafts created in the various workshops are sold in the world-famous Gift Shop. The sale of a gift item serves two functions: 1) to provide the elderly artisans with a sense of dignity for their work and, 2) to earn revenue that helps finance our program.

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Every year thousands of visitors of all ages from around the world come to *Yad LaKashish: Lifeline for the Old* to meet the elderly workers and witness *Tzedakah* in action. We endeavor to create a meeting ground for the young and old, where both visitors and volunteers can interact with, and learn from the elderly."

Yad LaKashish has become a model of how we can translate into reality the words of the Shema Koleinu prayer from the High Holydays which proclaim: "do not cast us out of your presence or take your Holy Spirit away from us. Do not cast us off and all day; when our strength fails, do not forsake us. Do not abandon us, O Lord; our G-d do not be far from us." This is one of the many great miracles in Israel, but as we all know even a miracle needs a hand.

When our High School Havurah students go to Israel, we visit and interact with the elderly from *Yad LaKashish* (see thank you letter for our Tzekakah below). If you are planning a trip to Israel make sure *Yad LaKashish* is on your itinerary. Our Temple gift shop sells items from there, and the proceeds benefit both institutions.

For its 50th anniversary, and the great future that lies ahead of it, let us support *Yad LaKashish* in one of the above ways or through our donations. Our support is the "oil" that makes for the miracle of light in Jerusalem. May that light, with our support, ever burn brightly, and strong, echoing the message of Chanukah and the words of the Shema Kolienu Prayer.

You can visit the *Yad LaKashish* website at: <http://www.lifeline.org.il/> or simply google *Yad LaKashish* and go to its home page to learn more about this miracle and how to support it.

Dear Paul,

I would like to thank you very much for bringing such a charming group of young people to visit *Yad LaKashish*. As you know, building inter-generational connections is an integral part of our mission, and I hope that everyone enjoyed getting to know the elderly as much as we enjoyed hosting them.

I also want to thank you for Temple Anshe Sholom's generous donation, which is of course very much appreciated. You might be interested to know that the textiles workshop has now begun operating in the restored and expanded space which we have been renovating for the last ten months. We are very excited that thanks to the larger space, we will be able to welcome more needy elderly into the *Yad LaKashish* program. None of this would be possible without the help of good friends like you and your community, and we are truly grateful.

I hope to see you back at *Yad LaKashish* soon, but meantime, thank you again.
Best Wishes,
Nava

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I am pleased to announce that the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, through its South Suburban Mini-Grant Kehillah, is awarding to South Suburban Jewish nonprofit organizations \$15,000 in mini-grants for new or enhanced programs. Grants range from \$200-\$1,500. Two members of Temple Anshe Sholom, Bob Zitter and Mark Fine, are on the South Suburban Mini-Grant committee.

Collaboration among organizations is encouraged! The deadline for applications is January 16, 2012. Grants will be awarded by February and programs will take place from February through September.

Guidelines for the Jewish Federation Kehillah Grant are as follows:

- New or enhanced projects
- Any South Suburban Jewish nonprofit organization
- Grants are capped at a maximum of \$1,500 and are given for a one year period
- Grants cannot be used for capital projects

I would love to hear your ideas and encourage all areas of Temple life to think of projects that could benefit the community as a whole. Call or email me or Rick Friedman, our Executive Director, at (708)748-6010, friedman@templeanshesholom.org with your thoughts. He can provide you with a grant application. **Time is short!**

Debby Pebworth

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708-283-0044

TAS LIBRARY NEEDS YOU!



We are so grateful for all the book donations we get for our library, now we need help to organize them all!

If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Rick Friedman, at the Temple.

'My pen is my harp and my lyre;
my library is my garden and my orchard'

Judah H-Levi, Spanish Poet, Physician

SISTERHOOD TRIBUTES

IN HONOR OF:

Rabbi Caplan's Birthday
Marriage of Daughter of Lois and Stanley Birer
Special Birthdays of Shellie and Raymond Berlin
Special Occasions of the Kregel Family
 Alvina Shutan

IN MEMORY OF:

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Brother of Dort Finder
 Barbara Zoline
Mother of Vivian Zimmerman
 Sarell Albert
 Marlene and Bob Drucker
 Edie Jaffe
 Debbie and David Richmond
 Betty Roman
 Alvina Shutan
 Barbara Zoline
Aunt of Donna Isaacson
 Sarell Albert
 Ruth Levinson
 Alvina Shutan



JUDAICA FOR JOPLIN



Through the Midwest District Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ), our Sisterhood has donated Judaica items from the Gift Shop to one of the four families who lost everything in the tornado that recently swept through Joplin, Missouri. The following items were sent, as requested; Shabbat candlesticks/candles, Seder plates, challah covers, door Mezzuahs, Kiddush cups, and menorahs and candles. All were lost during the tornado.

This information was sent to all Sisterhoods in the Midwest District WRJ. The response was overwhelming. Thanks to our Sisterhood for their generosity.

Julia Ziev,
 Midwest District WRJ Chair
 Judaica for Joplin

FROM SISTERHOOD TO YOU...

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE for all their hard work setting up and volunteering for the **Chanukah Gift Show**. It looked wonderful.

THANK YOU Kathy Efrusy for shopping for all the wonderful gift items. They were exceptional!

SISTERHOOD IS AGAIN hosting a "**Bar None**" dinner on January 6th. We will be having a potato bar, salad bar and for dessert, an ice cream bar. This is also a Family Shabbat. Please plan on joining us for dinner with your families.

Wishing everyone a happy holiday season.
 Cindy Weiner, Sisterhood President

MESSAGE FROM MITCH...

ONCE AGAIN the end of the calendar year is upon us, and with that we know that the Hanukkah holiday has past. Some of the members of Men's Club assisted the children once again this year with their "Meshugana Menorahs". The holiday was rather late this year, but that gave everyone time at school to prepare for the "Festival of Lights."

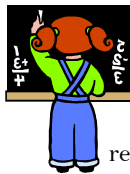
AS THE SECULAR YEAR winds to a close, and we regret what we did not get done during the past 12 months, we have the opportunity to "try again and get it right" during the next twelve months. We have two opportunities – our Jewish New Year and our secular New Year – to change, study, improve communications, make friends, and try to make ourselves better individuals during the year ahead. Your Men's Club is no different than any organization, we welcome your suggestions and we look to improve.

IT IS MY GOAL to be able to provide all our TAS members a social event this coming spring at a very nominal cost. The economy is not in great shape, and if we can have an event that all of us can enjoy (without breaking the bank), I will be the first person on the dance floor (with Judy, of course, to straighten out my two left feet)! Oy...did I say that? Please watch the bulletin and check your e-mails "early and often" and as soon as we figure out dates, times, etc., we will make the announcement.

Both Judy and I send our best wishes in the hope that you had an enjoyable Hanukkah holiday with your family and friends and enjoyed those crispy latkes!

L'Chaim!

Mitch Palmer, President TAS Men's Club



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are very excited to begin the second half of our School year! Hebrew School will resume on Thursday, January 5th and Sunday School and High School Havurah will be back in session on January 8th.

Friday, January 20th, there will be a special Shabbat Service that our High School Havurah students are preparing under the leadership of our 11th and 12th grade teacher, Bonnie Dinell-Dimond. This Service is titled, "An Homage to Levi Strauss and Other Jewish American Inventive Emigrants". The students are working hard preparing and researching material for this Service. They have also been building a special chair for POWS/MIAS from America and Israel. This chair will be dedicated at this Service and given a special spot on the Bima. We look forward to everyone joining our students at this wonderful Service to show our appreciation for their tremendous effort in completing this project.

On Sunday, January 22nd we will have our third joint program of the year with the United Religious School at BYBS in Homewood. This program will be a two-fold program. There will be a large board game activity and a special speaker on Anti-Bullying. Parent participation is very important to the success of this program! Saturday, January 28th, we will have our 5th and 6th Grade Junior Congregation. We look forward to having them leading the Service.

Mindy Miller, Principal

ברוכים הבאים

The following members have joined or rejoined Temple Anshe Sholom over the last several months. Please introduce yourself, welcome them and invite them to join us for future services or programs

Rick and Carol Friedman
Serna and Howard Hahn
Laura Mizrahi-Kozel
Barry and Martyn Moskovich
Rachel Pebworth
Hillary and Brian Schwartz
Lawrence Slovy
Rick Slovy
Alvin and Barbara Shuster

A FRIEND IN NEED IS A FRIEND INDEED!

The TAS Caring Committee was rejuvenated in early 2007. Our mission is simple: ***we stand ready "to assist TAS members in need"***. If you know of someone who has a real need and can use assistance, please contact the Rabbi or Lois, who in turn will contact the committee chairs.

We are always looking for more members. To join the committee means that you will receive notices of members' needs. Your participation on each new situation is completely voluntary. If you would like to join the **TAS Caring Committee** please contact the Co-Chairs, Vicki and Marshall Meilach at (708) 481-7721.



Volunteers Wanted!

JUF TOV WINTER MITZVAH MANIA

Volunteer for Bingo!!

Ages, 16+ or under 16 with an adult

Sunrise Assisted Living of Flossmoor

19715 Governors Hwy., Flossmoor

Monday, January 30th & Thursday, February 9th
5:45 - 6:30 pm

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For more information and other mitzvah projects call the TOV Hotline (312) 357-4762



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Contact Teri Gaby, at (708) 755-7846, termanda@aol.com, or Elyse Miller, (708) 822-4124, elysekm1@aol.com

THE MITZVAH FUND

WHERE CONGREGANTS SERVE CONGREGANTS



Have you ever had to decide whether to pay your utility bills or eat? Have you ever had to choose between buying a winter coat for your child or buying gas for your car? Within Temple Anshe Sholom, there are families who are in a desperate financial situation. Due either to the depressing economy, serious expensive medical obligations, or other financial circumstances, the children and their parents of these families have little food, no money for clothes, and/or are uncertain where they will sleep tomorrow. The Men's Club, with its Mitzvah Fund, is soliciting generous donations to assist these families. These are difficult financial times, and extraordinary efforts must be taken to foster these families. Temple Anshe Sholom is a caring congregation, not simply a roster of names. Please do not forsake our member congregants during their time of adversity. Be generous and send a donation to the Mitzvah Fund of the Men's Club. Your prompt action is needed. Address your contribution to the Men's Club at the Temple.

Thank you.

Substantiation Information For Calendar Year 2011

Tax guidelines require synagogues to give a written acknowledgement to those who write a check to Temple in the amount of \$250.00 or more. This does not mean individual checks that total \$250.00. Your cancelled checks are sufficient receipts for tax records below \$250.00.



Any checks received after January 6, 2012 even if they are dated in December 2011, will be substantiated for 2012. We will be closing our calendar 2011 substantiation year on January 6th.

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October 25, 2011

Respond Now

Amy S. Weber, Associate Director



Dear Temple Anshe Sholom Members,

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Sincerely,
Amy Weber

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Gloria and Jeffery Lippert on the birth of their grandson, Ari Jacob Hart. The proud parents are Natalie and Don Hart.

Paula and Dr. Jeff Litman on the engagement of Jeff's son, Ben Litman, to Jessica Bomberg.

Kathy and Dr. Mark Efrusy on the birth of their granddaughter, Julia Elyse O'Sullivan. The proud parents are Melanie and Derek O'Sullivan.

Shelly Marks on having been named Illinois' School Board President of the Year.

Amy Nathan-Gropper on the Spring, 2013 publication of her novel.

CONDOLENCES TO:

Barbara and Bill Dutton and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Rachel Fisher.

Leslye Botta on the death of her father, Edward Marco.

Vivian and Barry Zimmerman on the death of Vivian's mother, Ruth Brunell.

Bonnie and George Ribet on the death of George's father, Phillip Ribet.

Donna and Marshall Isaacson, Rachel, Steve and Rebecca Berger, Dena Isaacson and Chris Corwin on the death of their aunt, Jeanne Caplan.

The family of our member, Robert Klein, on his recent death.

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**In Honor of:****Bat Mitzvah of Zoe Mintz**

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Shelly Marks being named IL School Board President of the Year**Amy Nathan-Gropper's novel being published**

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Hannah Rosenthal

TORAH & SANCTUARY REPAIR FUND**In Memory of:****Jeanne Caplan**

Judy and Rabbi Donald Gluckman

**IN MEMORIAM**

We record with sorrow the
death of our congregant
Robert Klein

Our loved ones live on in the
memories of those to whom
they were precious.

**TORAH & HAFTARAH
PORTIONS****December**

3 Genesis 28:10-32:3
Hosea 12:13-14:10

10 Genesis 32:4-36:43
Obadiah 1:1-21

17 Genesis 37:1-40:23
Amos 2:6-3:8

24 Genesis 41:1-44:17
Numbers 7:30-7:35
Zechariah 2:14-4:7

31 Genesis 44:18-47:27
Ezekiel 37:15-28

January

7 Genesis 47:28-50:26
I Kings 2:1-12

14 Exodus 1:1-6:1
Isaiah 27:6-28:13;
29:22-23

21 Exodus 6:2-9:35
Ezekiel 28:25-29:21

28 Exodus 10:1-13:6
Jeremiah 46:13-28



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