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Susan Bodell, President

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Susan and Bob's Excellent IDF Adventure

In the mid-1980's some of my friends participated in a program called Volunteers for Israel (VFI). VFI is an organization whose mission is to connect Americans to Israel through volunteer service. The program began in 1982, during the first war with Lebanon, when civilian replacements were needed for thousands of reservists who were called to active duty just as the harvest season began. Since 1982, more than 30,000 American volunteers have signed on to do civilian work on Israel Defense Forces (IDF) bases or to assist in nursing homes and retirement homes.

As VFI volunteers my friends spent three weeks in Israel with the IDF, living on military bases and doing assigned tasks that sounded easy enough. For example, one friend tended gardens on a naval base in Haifa; another friend assembled first-aid kits on an army base near Tel Aviv. It sounded like such a great idea to me, but family responsibilities at that time made it impossible for me to take part in the program.

About ten years later, in 1996, my circumstances had changed so that I could finally apply to take part in the VFI program. I just needed to convince Bob to come with me, but it wasn't too difficult to convince him – it just required a sunset walk on the beach with a thermos of martinis, and he was ready to sign on!

So we applied to the program and were accepted, and in early March of 1997 we flew to Israel to begin the nearly month-long adventure. Our group of 13 volunteers (8 women, 5 men, all Americans or Canadians) were met at the airport by our guide, a young female soldier whose job was to shepherd volunteer groups. She gathered us and our luggage together and took us by bus to our new home, an army base near Tzfat in northern Israel. We were assigned to a group of combat engineers, and every day we were driven to a work base in the Golan Heights, where we helped build concrete fortifications for use on the Syrian border. (So much for the rose bushes in Haifa ...)

The army gave us uniforms to wear, including combat boots that made me feel very macho, and heavy parkas, sweaters, wool socks, and gloves, because March in the Golan is cold! The only part of the uniform that we were allowed to keep and bring home with us was the socks. We had blue ribbons to attach to our epaulets, indicating our volunteer status, lest someone mistake us for 18-year-old soldiers. No, we were not issued weapons.

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Kaddish is recited on the preceding Shabbat

***Yahrzeit lamp will be lit in the synagogue**

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USY Invites You

To The Feb. 12th

Shomrei Torah Bowling Night For All Ages



at Capital Lanes bowling alley on Capital Circle

Students & kids bowl for FREE (2 games and shoes)

Adults pay ONLY \$10 (2 games and shoes)

To participate, please RSVP & send your check (if needed) to
Shomrei Torah by February 7

Rabbi Drucker will lead Havdalah at Shomrei Torah right after Shabbat and
then we all head to the bowling alley for fun and dessert at 8 p.m.

Weekend Kicks Off With Shabbat Dinner

During Rabbi Drucker's February visit, we will have Shabbat Dinner at **6:30 p.m. on Feb. 11** — services will follow at 8 p.m. Please RSVP by Monday, Feb. 7, for the dinner as well so we know how much food to prepare.

Saturday morning services will begin at 9:30 a.m. followed by a Kiddush Luncheon and afternoon study with Rabbi Drucker.

On Sunday, Feb. 13, Rabbi Drucker will give a presentation on Jewish customs and laws regarding burial and mourning at the home of Brian and Carol Berkowitz at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend. See Page 8 for more information on the program.

Stephanie Goldstein
USY President

USY Gives Fun, Friendship, Knowledge

USY International Convention (IC) is a convention that every USYer should attend at least once because this unforgettable convention provides teens with a chance to meet other Jews from all over the United States and Canada. It is truly the most incredible 4.68 days you can have!

I was privileged enough to recently attend IC in Orlando where the theme was Judaism and the environment. We had “limuds” (discussion groups) in which we did different activities connecting Judaism to the environment. Discussions consisted of lessons such as: Do not destroy the beautiful place that we are privileged to live in, Even the smallest things you do make a difference in the long run. Just take five minutes to notice the little things that you do not always notice are around you every day and how important the little things in life are.

We even went to Epcot for an afternoon to see the Eco Experience and then roam around the park. In addition to going to Epcot, we went to Universal (including the Wizarding World of Harry Potter!), had a Tri-Wizard Tournament, USY Choice Awards, and a dance.

However, it wasn't the things we were doing that were making it fun, it was the people we were with! It was amazing to see all my friends from USY on Wheels and USY Pilgrimage. Walking into IC is completely overwhelming and exciting. Seeing 1,000 Jewish teenagers from so many different places is a sight like no other. On the first day, there are opening ceremonies, similar to the Olympics. Music is blaring and USYers are cheering as teens from each region run into a huge room dancing and holding signs. International Convention is a wonderful experience and I hope Shomrei Torah can have some representatives at the 2011 IC in Philadelphia.

Being a part of USY has opened my eyes to so many things and has given me so much. USY has given me the two most amazing, unforgettable, and meaningful summers. By being involved in USY, I have also gained friends that live all over the country, from California to New York. Meeting someone through USY is a completely different experience. It is easy to connect with people your age because of one huge similarity, religion. It does not matter how far away these people live, you keep in touch and make plans to see each other. They truly become life-long friends. USY simply makes your Jewish world even smaller — one of my staff members on pilgrimage was on Rabbi Drucker's bus when she staffed USY on wheels! USY has so much to offer — from conventions to many summer programs. It is all so incredible. If you go on USY on Wheels, you will have the opportunity to see the country like you have never seen it before. On USY on Wheels Mission Mitzvah, you will see the country, as well as do community service projects in different areas for six weeks. USY on Wheels East is for raising 9th graders to travel the east coast of the United States. USY Pilgrimage is an amazing experience in Israel. There are many different variations of the pilgrimage trip. There are opportunities to stop in Italy, Spain, or Poland on the way to Israel. USY also has a program called “Summer in the City”, in which you stay in dorms at Barnard College, take some fun classes and experience living in the city that never sleeps for a month.

Check out www.usy.org

Feel free to call Stephanie Goldstein 668-6744 or stephlg92@yahoo.com with any questions



Stephanie with just a few of her closest USY friends!

Rabbi Aderet Drucker

Honi, The Circle Maker

The Talmud in Tractate Ta'anit 23a, shares the classic tale of *Honi, the Circle Maker*.

Peninnah Schram retells it in this story:



Honi the Wise One was also known as Honi the Circle Maker. By drawing a circle and stepping inside of it, he would recite special prayers for rain, sometimes even argue with God during a drought, and the rains would come. He was, indeed, a miracle maker. As wise as he was, Honi sometimes saw something that puzzled him. Then he would ask questions so he could unravel the mystery.

One day, Honi the Circle Maker was walking on the road and saw a man planting a carob tree. Honi asked the man, "How long will it take for this tree to bear fruit?"

The man replied, "Seventy years."

Honi then asked the man, "And do you think you will live another seventy years and eat the fruit of this tree?"

The man answered, "Perhaps not. However, when I was born into this world, I found many carob trees planted by my father and grandfather. Just as they planted trees for me, I am planting trees for my children and grandchildren so they will be able to eat the fruit of these trees."

Last week, we celebrated the holiday of Tu B'Shevat, the New Year of the trees, or as it is also referred to as, the Birthday of the trees. In Israel, the 15th of the Hebrew month of Shevat, (January/February) celebrates a time when the flowers of the almond trees begin to blossom. Trees are planted or donations are made to the Jewish National Fund to plant trees. Throughout the world many celebrate a Tu B'Shevat Seder, where it is customary to eat different fruits and grains, especially from the Seven Species, Shivat Haminim, named in the Torah in Deuteronomy 8:8. In the Torah it informs us that Israel was "a land of wheat, barley, grapevines, figs, and pomegranates; a land of oil olives and date honey." Accordingly the seven species are: wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates.

Living in the Diaspora in the United States, Tu B'Shevat is celebrated during the winter, a season that most would not associate with re-birth and growth. The story of Honi the Circle maker reminds us of our obligation to the future individuals and flowers that are to bloom after us. Many people utilize the celebration of Tu B'Shevat as an opportunity to look towards spring and to the possibilities that lay ahead. Even as we find ourselves deep in winter (I write this as I sit at home in New York, during a snow day), or perhaps in a difficult or challenging time in our lives -- Tu B'Shevat appears on the calendar in the mid of winter, reminding us of future potential and possibilities in the unknown, where new opportunities, chances and flowers will one day blossom.

As we transition from the Hebrew month of Shevat to the month of Adar, I bless us all with good health, peace and happiness, for as our rabbis taught in the Talmud, Ta'anit 29a: "*Mishenichnas Adar marbim b'simcha*," meaning, "at the onset of Adar, happiness is increased."

~ Rabbi Drucker

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Our accommodations on the army base were certainly spartan, with the male volunteers assigned as a group to men's barracks and the female volunteers assigned as a group to women's barracks. The men's quarters, I am told, remained austere, but my roommates and I made quite a nice little area in our "suite," hanging up a flowered shower curtain, setting up a little lounging area with a coffee maker that one of us scrounged from the kitchen, hanging a clothesline for our hand laundry, and generally doing the things that women do to make an army barracks a home.

The food was, like the accommodations, pretty basic, and although there was some grumbling from some of the men about the meals, I don't think anyone lost any weight during our three-week stay.

The work that we did was hard, and we worked in a large, open, unheated garage, but the spirit of our group was magnificent. We had a wonderful time together every day, telling the stories of our lives, sharing jokes and even singing together. Often Israeli soldiers would drop by to chat with us, although some expressed great surprise that we would come to Israel to work for the army without getting paid for it. Sometimes fighter jets would scream overhead, and sometimes there would be loud booming from a nearby artillery range, reminding us that we were part of a serious military operation.

It wasn't all work, however. In the evenings, our guide took us on various field trips, such as to a nearby kibbutz to join in the folk dancing, and to a Golan winery for a wine tasting and purchasing opportunity. On the weekends we were free to travel throughout Israel; Bob and I spent one weekend in Tiberias, one at an oceanfront hotel in Tel Aviv, and one in Jerusalem.

Our stay on the army base included Purim, and we had great fun at the soldiers' costume party. Even the base commander dropped his ordinarily gruff persona for the event.

I'm not sure how much our little band of volunteers really helped the IDF; I suspect strongly that most of the advantage was ours. I do know that my VFI experience changed me. This was my fourth trip to Israel, but never before had I felt the necessity of the military defense of Israel so strongly. I had never really thought about the fact that the survival of Israel is so much in the hands of its young people. In this country, of course I'd run screaming in the opposite direction if I saw an 18-year-old carrying an Uzi; in Israel I felt safer knowing they were there (we had an armed guard with us everywhere we went), but I felt so sad that 18-year-old Israeli kids have to carry Uzis.

The VFI program is open to men and women over age 17 (15-16 with a parent or guardian), Jews and non-Jews. There is no maximum age limit. Our group ranged in age from an 18-year-old Canadian boy to an 81-year-old man from Arizona.

That was 14 years ago, but VFI is still going strong. They have IDF programs scheduled throughout 2011, including summer programs for students. For more information, check out their website, at www.vfi-usa.org, and also the website of VFI's counterpart and connection in Israel, an organization called Sar-El, at www.sar-el.org. I promise you, this program will change your life, even if you can't really claim to be a veteran of the IDF.

"...but I felt so sad that 18-year-old Israeli kids have to carry Uzis."

Carol Berkowitz

Sisterhood President

Members Host Honored Guest, Take On Ritual Responsibilities

During the weekend of January 21 and 22, Shomrei Torah Sisterhood members led and took part in Shabbat services on Friday and Saturday morning.

In honor of our the sisterhood Shabbat event, Genie Green Blaher, President, Florida Region Women's League for Conservative Judaism joined us for the weekend in Tallahassee. As usual, Shomrei Torah gave Genie a warm southern welcome -despite temperatures being below freezing on a cold January weekend.

Before services, we began with an informal Shabbat Dinner at the home of Sisterhood President Carol Berkowitz, where more than a dozen sisterhood members and their families enjoyed time kibitzing and meeting our honored guest, Genie.

Many thanks to the Sisterhood ritual planning committee and advisors who made the weekend a success including: Barb Abrams and Susan Bodell, Karen Asher-Cohen, Joy Dixon, Lynn Grossman and Debbie Kleinman-Robinson. We also extend appreciation to all sisterhood members who took part in both Friday and Saturday night services. It really made the Shabbat a very special weekend.

Last ... and of course, never least ... we want to extend a big thank you to Carol Chenoweth and Lisa Fingerroot for preparing delicious food for the all to enjoy throughout the weekend.



Shomrei Torah teachers, students and guests were recently treated to a visit and talk from two Israeli Defense Force (IDF) soldiers who were in town for Tallahassee Jewish Federation activities.

Bill Kaufman
Ritual Chairman

Rituals Give Solace to Living, Require Respect to Deceased

This month I would like to discuss briefly a subject that many would prefer to avoid: Jewish customs related to death and mourning. Nonetheless, during our lifetimes we are all touched by the reality of a loved one's death, and there is no avoiding the fact that for all of us, it will be the final life cycle event. I have found that the rituals in Judaism that deal with this most stressful time have brought solace to those who mourn, and have been very successful in reintegrating the mourner back into life.

Rabbi Drucker will give a presentation on Jewish customs and laws regarding burial and mourning at the home of Brian and Carol Berkowitz on Sunday, February 13, at 10:00 a.m.

Attending to the needs of the deceased in Judaism is traditionally done by members of a Chevra Kaddisha (Holy Society). These duties include washing and purification of the deceased and clothing the deceased in shrouds. For a long time it has been the custom to use simple linen shrouds, so that the poor, who could afford only a simple funeral, would not be humiliated by comparison with what the wealthy could afford, and not be further stressed by the economic loss that could be incurred by trying to match the wealthy. For similar reasons, it is traditional that the coffin be a plain pine box. This tradition has served us well in modern times, when at times funeral homes, under-

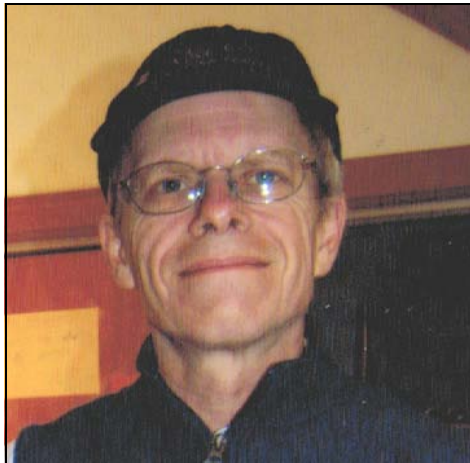
standing the feelings of loss and guilt a new mourner may have, pray upon those feelings to sell very expensive caskets and other funeral services. We are fortunate in Tallahassee to be able to work with cooperative and very understanding funeral homes.

Many of you may already know that Shomrei Torah has the only functioning Chevra Kaddisha in our community, and has provided services for both members and non-members. Those who have participated know the wonderful feeling of doing this mitzvah. It has been said that to give the dead a decent burial is the most sincere act of benevolence, since one cannot expect from the dead any favors in return. I have heard from the families of those for whom we have provided services and know that they have been very grateful, in fact, many times saying that they would like to be part of the services Chevra Kaddisha can provide when needed for someone else in the future.

There are two basic considerations in Judaism that come into play in the laws of death and mourning. One is kevod hamet, respect for the deceased. All that was described above regarding Chevra Kaddisha's activities is guided by that principal. When the deceased is washed and placed in shrouds, it is done with reverence and respect. For this reason also, the deceased is attended to by men for a man, and by women for a woman.

The other guiding principal is kevod hechai, or respect and reverence for the living. Thus, it is Jewish custom that the feelings of the survivors are never to be ignored. Whenever possible one should try to ease the anxieties of the survivors.

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Dwight Kingsbury
Building Vice President

Shul's New Appliances Are Energy Efficient

But One Old Energy Eater is Left Behind

Not so green was my shul. Not so long ago, the shul's energy consumption patterns were carving a *t'alat neekooz* (drainage channel) in the shul budget. Over the course of a year, our average electricity use *per day* was 150 kilowatt-hours--an

amount sufficient to power the new kitchen refrigerator for six weeks--in a building that usually sees significant human occupancy for fewer than 10 percent of the hours in a week. Yearly utility costs ran close to \$10,000 in some years, of which about 70 percent was for electric service.

Utility costs are still a drain, but recent efficiency upgrades seem to be helping. In our most recent 30-day utility billing cycle, the building's electric consumption was more than *30 percent below* its consumption in the corresponding period a year before. The difference cannot be due to milder temperatures, because temperatures were colder in the recent period that they were a year ago. The new refrigerator and new heat pumps for the wings presumably account for much of the reduction.

Question of the month is: how many kilowatt-hours, on average, does the old freezer (still in the kitchen) use per day? Some clues to consider: the new refrigerator uses 3.5 KWH per day and the old one used 8.5 KWH per day, but the freezer is smaller than either of them. (The new icemaker uses 1.0 KWH per day.) Does the freezer use (alef) 0-2 KWH per day, (beth) 2-4 KWH per day, or (gimel) 4-6 KWH per day? Answer will be presented in next month's BVP report. A correct answer given before then will qualify a respondent to be considered for immediate membership in the BVP's Civil Cadet Auxiliary.

Since the sanctuary was repainted, a couple of members have asked me when the social hall-religion school area will also be painted. Good question. There are no immediate plans to do this, but sometime in the not too distant future, when we've had a chance to catch our breath, so to speak, we could certainly consider this.

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This is one reason why burial is to take place as soon as possible after death. The customs at the funeral itself, the Meal of Condolence that occurs right after the funeral, arranging minyans so that mourners can say kaddish, and condolence calls are all part of this process. The intense feelings of the mourners immediately after their loved one's death are not minimized but rather acknowledged. Over time the mourners are brought back to their lives in a step wise manner. The community plays a most important role in this process.

On Sunday morning, February 13, at 10:00 AM, Rabbi Drucker will give a presentation on Jewish customs and laws regarding burial and mourning at the home of Brian and Carol Berkowitz. I strongly encourage all of you to attend, as this should be a very informative and interesting presentation. It is my hope that this will encourage a number of you to be willing to help in Chevra Kaddisha activities. We are fortunate in our community to not need these services too often, but when we do, we need to mobilize quickly. A large number of potential volunteers make it possible for us to continue to provide these services. I hope to see many of you there.



presents at the
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A Small Act

When Holocaust survivor Hilde Back sponsored a young, rural Kenyan student, she thought nothing of it. She certainly never expected to hear from him, but years later she does. Now a Harvard graduate and a Human Rights Lawyer for the United Nations, Chris Mburu decides to find the stranger that changed his life. Inspired by her generosity, he starts a scholarship program of his own and names it for his former benefactor.

The top students in Mukubu primary school are in the exact same situation as Chris once was. They are bright, but can't afford to pay school fees. With the creation of Chris' fund, these students have new hope. But the program is small; how many will qualify for a scholarship?

Using a strong narrative, the film interweaves seemingly separate lives into a cohesive whole. With clarity and grace, A SMALL ACT bears witness to the ripple effect a single action can create.

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"A Small Act" is presented as part of our 2011 Jewish Film Series supported in part by the Tallahassee Jewish Federation.



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Sunday, March 13 at 4:00 PM & 6:00PM

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Thank you for being a part of the Shomrei Torah team of volunteers!

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The following is a list of dedicated funds to which donations may be made.

GENERAL FUND: Payment of all regular operating expenses of the congregation.

EDUCATION FUND: Auxiliary support for the congregation's educational programs and youth services.

PRAYER BOOK FUND: For the purchase of any needed prayer book or chumashim.

MARSHALL HARRIS FUND: To provide scholarships for Shomrei Torah children to attend Jewish summer camp.

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NOAH PAUL GUSKY FUND: Additions and upkeep for the playground.

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RABBI FUND: To pay for the transportation, accommodation, and other expenses associated with bringing the visiting rabbinical student to Shomrei Torah.

TZEDDAKAH FUND: To assist members of the congregation who are experiencing sudden, unforeseen financial difficulties.

The following is a list of plaques for which plates may be purchased in honor or memory or celebration, as appropriate, of someone or some event. Fees are fixed and vary for each plaque. For information please contact Charles Slavin, Treasurer, at 893-6740.

FOUNDERS PLAQUE: Located on the right hand wall of the lobby.

TORAH PLAQUE: Located on the right hand wall as you enter the social area.

Yahrzeit Plaque: Located on the right hand wall of the bema.

TREE OF LIFE PLAQUE: Located on the left hand wall of the lobby.



Donations

*The following list includes those received between
December 30, 2010 and January 27, 2011*

General Fund

Steve and Cheryl Louchheim in memory of Steve's father,, Jerry Louchheim

Ms. Mimi Levin on behalf of her children, Linda and Rick Hyson

Anonymous

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February 11	6:06 p.m.
February 18	6:09 p.m.
February 25	6:14 p.m.
March 4	6:19 pm.

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Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu, melekh ha'olam, asher

kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel

Shabbat.

Praised are You, *Adonai* our G-d, Who rules the universe, instilling in us the holiness of *mitzvot* by commanding us to kindle the light of *Shabbat*

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