



פסח – שבועות תשע״ו SPRING - SUMMER 2016

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45th Annual Gathering

he 45th Annual Gathering and Awards Dinner took place at the Union "Y" on Sunday evening, December 13, 2015. Our Guest of Honor and recipient of the *Kesser Shem Tov* Award was Dr. Eugene Steinhart, a long time Bais Yitzchok member, Board Member and participant in all shul activities.

The evening began with a reception hour expertly catered by **Pinchas Kasirer** of Glatt Star Caterers. Afterwards, with everyone assembled in the main hall, the formal program began. As this was the final night of Chanukah, **Jean and Jacob Zimmer** were honored with kindling all eight lights of the holiday. Everyone joined in the recitation of *Maoz Tzur* as presented in a video by the **Maccabeats**.

Opening remarks were offered by **Rabbi Moshe Abramowitz**, Shul President and the awards were presented. **Dr. Eugene Steinhart** was recognized for his contribution to the Shul and community. He provided a description of his history with the Shul which can be found on page 7.

Also recognized were those members and friends, whose daily attendance throughout last winter made the minyan possible. Those honored were: Jean & Jake Zimmer, R. Moshe Abramowitz, Leonard Brandwein, R. Yitzchok Goldstone, Hermann Kaiser, Leonard Lauer, Malcom Lemont, Anchel Nulman, Baback Panahbarhagh, Mark Ricklis, Eugene Steinhart, Adam Sternglass and Uszer Lejtman, z"l.

Several photos of the evening are shown here with the rest available at the Shul website, www.baisyitzchok.org at the "Events" tab.

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Rabbi Elazar M. Teitz Morah D'asrah Rabbi Joseph Lichtman Sheliach Tzibur Emeritus Leonard Brandwein Baal K'riah Leonard Lauer • Gabbai Rishon Ira Penner Gabbai Sheni

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KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP

In Observance of Yahrzeits

• Jake & Jean Zimmer, on the yahrzeit of Jeannie's grandmother, z"l.

• Beckie & Robbie Heizler on the 37th yahrzeit of Robbie's <u>mother</u>, z"l, and for being honored with *Chasan Bereishis*.

• Lyubov Kruglyak, on the yahrzeits of her parents. z"l.

• **Baback Panahbarhagh** on the *Yom HaZikoron* of his father, z"l.

• Drs. Helen & Mel Elberger, on the yahrzeit of Mel's parents and other family members, z"l.

• Alex Shteynberg, on the

yahrzeit of his father-in-law, z"l.
Melzer Family for family vahrzeits.

• **Tropp Family** on the yahrzeit of R. Tropp's of his father and mother, z"l.

• Lennie Brandwein on the yahrzeit of his father and mother, z"l.

In Honor of other Events

• Kaiser Family, celebrating several significant events: a wedding anniversary, birthdays and thanks for Herby's continued recovery from surgery.

◆ Ilan Silver in honor of the Shul,

• Helene & Yossi Wenger, celebrating Yossi's "milestone" birthday.

SUNDAY BREAKFASTS

• The Abramowitz Family, on the yahrzeit of **R. Moshe's** mother z"l

• Alex & Vladmir Shteynberg in honor of the yahrzeit of their grandparents, z"l

• Lauer Family commemorating the yahrzeit of Lenny's mother, z"l.

DIVREI TORAH

Our thanks to the following individuals for delivering the D'var Torah at Kiddush

R. Moshe Abramowitz, Lennie Brandwein, Dr. Mel Elberger, Anchel Nulman, Adam Melzer, R. Mordechai Tropp

KIDDUSH DETAILS:

 The Shul will subsidize each week's Kiddush for events other than special Life-Cycle events, such as Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Ufrauf, etc.

 The cost for a member to host a Kiddush is \$60 and the Shul will cover the other half.

 A normal Kiddush consists of whole and chopped herring, crackers, soda, cookies and schnaps for Kiddush. Up to nine tables are set up. If additional tables are needed, check the Kiddush Policy letter for details. Kiddush for a special event or Simcha (Bar Mitzvah, Ufruf, etc.) is not subsidized by the Shul.

The cost of Shalosh Seudos is \$25.

 Use the Sign-up sheet downstairs to reserve sponsorship for a Kiddush or Shalosh Seudos. A copy of the complete policy governing Kiddush sponsors and use of the Shul is also posted there.



זרעא חייא וקיימא BIRTHS – Mazal Tov:

 Miriam & Marty Knecht, a grandson their children, Sima & Donny Rubin, and grandsons in Israel to their children, Sholom & Esther Knecht and Moshe & Zoe Knecht.

• Molly & Joe Rothstein, a granddaughter to their children, Mindy & Dotan Arusy.

• Sally & Joel Flamholtz, a grandson to their children, R. David & Malka Flamholtz.

• Cheryl & R. Moshe Abramowitz, a grandson in Israel to their children, R. Dovid & Chani Abramowitz (Yerushalayim).

• Barbara & Dr Bernard Lichstein, a greatgrand daughter in Israel to their grandchildren, Yoni & Katie Lazarus and the grandparents, Yoel & Leah Lichstein and a great-grandson to their children, Shmuel & Rivky Katz and grandparents, Rachael & Michael Katz.

Mimi & Victor Cohen, a great-granddaughter,
 born to their grandchildren, Becca & Shimon
 Feldman, and a great-granddaughter in Israel to
 their grandchildren, Yaakov & Faige Scher
 (Ramat Eshkol) and to grandparents, Ruchie &
 Danny Scher (Brooklyn).

• Dr. Salomon Galimidi, a grandson to his children, Cynthia & Ariel Schochet.

Ina Prager & Chaya Krakauer (Baltimore), a great-grandson to their grandchildren, Tova & Natanel Horowitz and grandparents, Judy & R. Binyamin Krakauer (Baltimore).

 Annette & Lenny Lauer, a great-grandson in Israel to their grandchildren, Michoel & Lenea Markowitz (Rehovot) and grandparents, Debbie
 & Gershon Markowitz (Har Nof), • Pearl & Mark Ricklis, a grandson in Israel to their children, Avigail & Ariel Kirsch (Ramat Bet Shemesh) and a granddaughter to their children, Elisheva & Eli Cohen (Silver Spring, MD).

• Jeff Goldstein, a grand daughter to his children, Tzvi & Aliza Goldstein.

• Sylvia & Dr. Ellie Schneider, a greatgrandson, in Israel, to their grandchildren, Yael & Elisha Domb (Yerushalayim), a great-grandson to their grandchildren Tova & Azariah Schechter and grandparents, Dr. & Mrs. Moshe and Debbie Schneider (Edison) and a granddaughter to their children, R. Refoel & Dina Schneider (Baltimore).

• Diane Lejtman, a great-grandson to her grandchildren, Miriam & Yoseph Lejtman (Queens) and grandparents, Victor & EstherLejtman (Baltimore).

• Roberta Wahrman, a great-grandson to her grandchildren, Avi & Alyssa Ginsberg and grandparents, Elise & Ari Ginsberg (Teaneck).

• Susan & Mendel Farkas, a greatgranddaughter to their grandchildren Shimon Dovid and Rachel Mandelbaum and grandmother, Phyllis Farkas.

• Lennie Brandwein, a grandson to his children Chani & Baruch Jaffee (Passaic/Clifton).

• Esther & Dr. Eugene Steinhart, a grandson to their children, Koby & Elisheva Steinhart (Yerushalayim).

זה הקטן גדול יהיה BAR and BAT MITZVAH - Mazal Tov

• Sarit & Tzion Swissa on the bar mitzvah of their son, Dovid.

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Nulman Farewell Breakfast



n Sunday morning, October 11, 2015, following davening at Bais Yitzchok, our community had the chance to bid farewell to a family connected to BY for generations. When the Shul honored the Nulmans at its 2009Annual Gathering, the presentation was all about the connection between the Nulman/Weinstein families and the Shul. The past is one factor but the present is another.

The Nulmans were an integral part of Bais Yitzchok. Anchel was *Gabbai Shemi, Gabbai L'tzedak* and a regular presenter of d'vrai Torah, *siyyumin* celebration his completion of milestone learning in his life and a welcome face at every minyan. When Anchel arrived at Shul could **Zilpa Nulman** be far behind? She was often seen helping **Jean Zimmer** with set up and preparations for the Sunday breakfast, obtaining the bagels and providing overall support for every activity scheduled for the Shul.

The **Nulmans** were planning this move for sometime, especially with family members and children already in Israel. As much as BY hosted this event, many Elizabeth residents joined in the tributes. **Rabbi Avraham Herman**, Rav of the Elmora Avenue Shul, represented the community leadership and spoke in glowing terms about the contributions made by the Nulmans. The Shul prepared a picture momento album which was presented to the Nulmans at their new home in Ramat Beit Shemesh by **Esther Addison Steinhart**, who was visiting at that time. Some of those pictures are shown here and the rest can be viewed on the Shul's website.

We wish them well and look forward to greeting them when we visit Eretz Yisrael *Chazak v'amatz.*

NACHAS NOTES

• Lennie Brandwein on the bar mitzvah of his grandson, Chaim Yisrael, and his parents, Hinda & Ari Landa (Hillside).

שמח תשמח רעים אהובים **ENGAGEMENTS and MARRIAGES** Mazal Tov

• Mrs. Toby Goldberg, on the marriage of her granddaughter, Rivky Wachs to Yaakov Koff and to her parents, Miriam & Chaim Wachs. (Monsey).

• Barbara & Dr. Bernard Lichstein on the marriage of their granddaughter, Hadar Lichstein, to Meir Baum and to her parents Yoel and Leah Lichstein (Monsey) and on the marriage of their granddaughter, Esther, to Yisroel Kaminetsky (Brooklyn) and to her parents, Rachael & Michael Katz.

 Donna Olshansky & Gregg Rothstein on the marriage of their son, Benny, to Shayndel Shousterman (Ottawa, Canada.).

• Susan & Kenny Mandel on the marraige of their son, Ben, to Lee-El Gakner (Silver Spring, MD)

 Lennnie Brandwein on the marriage of his daughter, Shlomit, to Ari Korman (Englewood).

Chava & R. Yitzchok Goldstone on the marriage of their grandson, Yisroel Richter son of their children, R. Shimon & Henya Richter.

• Pearl & Mark Ricklis on the engagement of their son, Dani, to Leah Elyakin (Passaic)

הקדב"ה ישלם שכרם **OTHER "HONORABLE** MENSCHEN"

MELAVEH MALKA -٠ VIDEO - SELICHOS started the Yom Tov

season off with program on Motza'ei Shabbos. A Dessert Reception, a video (Part I of "The Jewish Americans" -a PBS Presentation) followed by Selichos, led by R. Joseph Oratz. Thanks to the **Zimmers** for the refreshments, Hermann Kaiser (screen) Robbie Heizler (projector) Moshe Abramowitz (video, etc) and Rabbi Oratz for his inspiring davening.

YYASHEIR KOCHACHEM – All those who led and participated in Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur davening and preparations: R. Joseph Oratz, Lennie Brandwein, R. Moshe Abramowitz, Lenny Lauer, Anchel Nulman, Tzvi Shmuel Kaiser, Danny Sheinbein, Joel Flamholtz, Jean & Jake Zimmer, those who changed paroches and coverings, switched Machzorim, set up the Memorial Lamps, bought kibbudim, etc, and Marty Lewitter, whose last blast brought Yom Kippur to a close. We could have not have done it without you. Kol hakavod.

 SUKKOS - The Shul Sukkah was set up with the help of: Glenn Bond (Foreman) Lennie Brandwein, Alex Shteynberg, Jean & Jake Zimmer, Joel Flamholz, Ira Penner, Eugene Steinhart, Feliz Perera and Babacck (Moshe) Panahdarhagh. Thanks to Chaim Tropp for laining on the first days of Yom Toy (and to many other Tropp family members who joined and participated). Thanks to everyone for attending

> and Jeannie Zimmer for Kiddush on Yom Toy and during Chol Hamoed.

NULMAN FAREWELL BREAK-FAST - was held Sunday, October **11th** at the Shul with many family members, Shul members and Elizabeth community members attending. See the article in this bulletin.

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◆ Liz & R. Joe Lichtman (Bet Shemesh)
 Sheliach Tzibbur Emeritus, who celebrated their
 60th Wedding Anniversary last fall in Beit
 Shemesh.

♦ ANNUAL GATHERING & DINNER - Dr. Eugene Steinhart was honored on Sunday, December 13, 2015 at the "Y" with the Kesser Shem Tov Award.

Also re-cognized were those weekday morning Minyan members who consistently joined others each day throughout the winter. Please read about this event in this edition.

 ◆ GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & BREAKFAST –Sunday morning February 7, 2016, our annual meeting was held and was well attended. Thanks were expressed to those continuing Officers and Board Members. Herbie Kaiser will move from the Gabbai Shelishi

position to a regular Board Member for the coming year and Ira Penner was welcomed as the new Gabbai Sheini, the position held by Anchel Nulman until he and his family made Aliyah. Anchel also held the position of Recording Secretary which remains open and Gabbai L'zedakah, which was graciously filled by Hermann Kaiser. The breakfast was hosted by Cheryl & R. Moshe. Abramowitz, Details are on the Shul website.

PURIM - Thanks to Rabbi Joe Oratz for again providing the wonderful *Kiyum HaMitzvah* with his reading of the Megillah . . . Jean Zimmer and family for the break-the-fast refreshments on Purim night and for facilitating a Purim Seuda in the Shul on Purim day.
 SHAVUOS - Thanks to the Sheinbeins for the beautiful Shavuos flowers, an annual tribute

they provide.

GUEST OF HONOR - DR. EUGENE STEINHART

Letter having lived in Israel for a number of years on Kibbutz Maale Gilboa, our family moved to Elizabeth in 1987 for practical reasons. It was somewhere in between The Bronx, where my parents lived, and New Brunswick, where Esther's parents lived. I was applying to graduate schools at the time (Rutgers, Pace, Y.U., F.D.U.) all of which were in easily commutable distance from Elizabeth. When we were looking for places to rent, I met a couple who lived down the block from Bais Yitzchok who wholeheartedly recommended this shul, and stated "you'll really like it there."

When we arrived, we numbered five. Esther, myself, Tuvia, Chava a"h, and Avishai. B'H the family grew as we added Kobi, Eliav, Evyatar, Riva, and Gavi. As time went on, Tuvia, Kobi, Eliav, and Evyatar made there way back to Israel. Tuvia married Shaindee Sosevsky and grew the family's next generation with their children Reuven Yosef, Ruchama Kayla, Leah Shoshana, Shimon Yehuda, Chanoch, and Batya Sara. They live in Yerushalayim. Avishai is an E.M.T. working in Mountainside. Kobi married Elisheva Resnik, they also live in Yerushalayim. Eliav recently completed his service in the IDF and is currently residing in Australia. Evyatar continues to serve in the IDF. Riva is completing her B.A. at Excelsior University. Gavi is a junior at Kushner.

Over the years I have taken great pride in being a regular morning minyan attendee (thanks Rabbi O.). Besides starting the day with Tefila, it is followed by a breakfast at which participants learn Mishna Brurah, and benefit from discussions earning them honorary degrees in philosophy, diplomacy, political science, and engineering!

As a board member I have been privileged to witness a diverse group of members share ideas and make practical decisions regarding shul practices and policies, always guided by a shared respect for the core values of Bais Yitzchok - Torah, Chesed, and Mentchlichkeit.

I also get a thrill each Shabbat or Yom Toy morning as our Gabbai Rishon somewhat timidly approaches me to inquire if I can do the Haftorah. He is very generous to give me the "day off" on those occasions when someone else volunteers.

המהום ינחם אתכם...

The members and Officers of Bais Vitzchok extend their sincere condolences to our members and friends who have suffered recent losses -

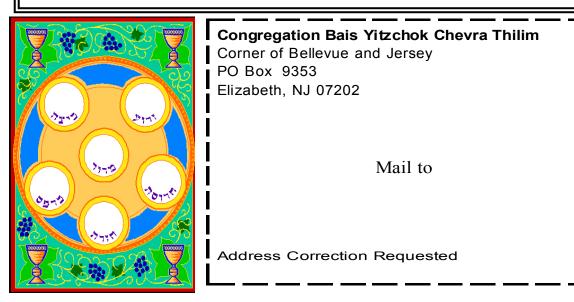
- Naftali Goldstein on the loss of his brother, Dr. Avraham Goldstein, a"h.
- The family of Beverly Winter a"h, a long time friend and supporter of Bais Yitzchok, on her passing.
- Moishe Korbman on the loss of his father, R. Chaim Meir Korbman, a"l.



The Officers and Board of Directors of Congregation Bais Yitzchok Chevra Thilim wish one and all a healthy and happy Pesach

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