



Shavuos Message

Rabbi Avrohom Herman

Our Rabbis describe the Jewish people at *Matan Torah* “as one man with one heart.” This is derived from the singular verb “*vayichan*” used in the phrase “and Israel encamped [at *Har Sinai*].” The Or HaChaim explains that this state of the nation was a prerequisite to their receiving the Torah. In illustrating how this unity manifested itself, he draws a contrast to the Gemara in *Ta’anis 7a* that teaches that Torah scholars should not study on their own. Rather, the Or HaChaim points out, they should learn with others and debate their respective opinions. When done in an environment of genuine respect, love and care for one another, the level of comprehension and appreciation of Torah is enhanced and deepened.

According to this explanation, *achdus* does not mean everyone is of like mind. That would be unnatural and most unfortunate. A great deal of creative thinking and novel ideas that could potentially be very illuminating would be lost. Our entire system of learning is based upon *machlokes*, debate. From studying the differing opinions in the Mishnah to the disputes in the Gemara, we are taught to think critically and to debate the points we are learning. This is the Torah approach to learning. Only through this kind of healthy exchange of conflicting viewpoints and opinions are Torah thoughts elucidated and true conclusions reached. According to some commentaries, this is precisely the area where the students of Rabbi Akiva failed. Although they were extremely learned, as we would expect disciples of Rabbi Akiva to be, they kept their knowledge to themselves and did not discuss it with one another.

What *achdus* does mean, however, is that the bond that exists between all Jews is able to elevate disagreement to the level of being *L’sheim shomayim*. The Mishnah in *Pirkei Avos* tells us that this was the nature of the *machlokes* between Hillel and Shammai. Despite the fact that their opinions were at great odds with one another on issues of enormous consequences to the nation, they never made their disagreements into a personal matter. With respect and mutual admiration, they focused only on ascertaining the truth and never on themselves. That was true *achdus*, and the kind that the Or HaChaim teaches us existed at the time of *Matan Torah*.

As we approach the *Yom Tov* of Shavuos, and prepare to affirm our acceptance of the Torah, we must strive to emulate the kind of *achdus* that the *B’nei Yisroel* had at their *Kabbalas HaTorah*. With mutual respect for one another we can raise all our discussions to be *L’sheim shomayim*. With communications taking place on such a dignified level we will, hopefully, merit to understand with greater clarity the Torah and its ways.

On behalf of Rivky and the family, I wish everyone a good *Yom Tov*.

“IT’S A BIG DAY IN ELIZABETH!”

David Cheslow, Chairman of the Elmora Shul Board

Every corporation in America is busy trying to raise its market share. I propose that here in Elizabeth we strive to increase our “*minyan* share.” What do I mean by *minyan* share? If you ask the *Gabbaim*, you’ll find that on a typical day the attendance at daily *minyanim* is about 25-35% of the *Shabbat* participation.

Recently we read *Parashat Metzora*, describing the types of skin afflictions and their remedies. The only way to determine that a particular infection was, in fact, *tzora’at* was an examination by a *Cohen*. It also was the *Cohen* who would declare the sufferer to be healed. Rabbi Avigdor Miller, Z”L, used to say that the contact with the *Cohen* was necessary because *Cohanim* were the teachers, and, perhaps, the individual with *tzora’at* was in need of spiritual instruction. By getting closer to the *Cohen*, this instruction would be available.

I have always felt that mourners are required to say *Kaddish* every day because they need to be in shul three times every day. We are scrupulous in our observance of this requirement. If *davening* with a *minyan* is essential, why wait for a parent, G-d forbid, to pass away?

If you are fortunate enough to still have your parents, or if you have lost a parent, why not start your day with a *minyan*? You will be amazed how terrific you will feel and how much you improve your productivity at work. Together, we can grow our “*minyan* share.”

Thanks for reading, and be well,

Dave

Want to quickly find the times for *minyanim*
(or *shiurim*, or upcoming events, or...)?

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and click on the "View Announcement[s]" button!

A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Sheila E. Nashofer

I hope that by now *HaMagid* has become a very welcome addition to your homes. The best part of being involved in the newsletter is my opportunity to learn first-hand just how many things are happening in our community and to become better acquainted with the many volunteers who give freely of their time and talents to our Shul.

At the helm, of course is our *Rav*, Rabbi Herman, who provides the leadership and insight that goes into each of the programs that are offered to community members. Not long ago, I sat with the Rabbi and a group of volunteers until 1AM working on publicity for an upcoming event. As I dragged my bones back home, I realized that my one exhausting Shul meeting of the week was probably one of who knows how many that our Rabbi presides on to ensure that everything goes off without a hitch. I feel it's important to be publicly "*makira tov*" to both the Rabbi and his *eishes chayil*, Rivky, especially as we, *Baruch HaShem*, near the end of a second successful year together.

At of this writing, I am hopeful that this issue will reach you prior to Shavuos and that you can use the Shavuos learning schedule (which appears after this column) as a roadmap for spiritual growth this *Yom Tov*. Men, women and children will find *shiurim* tailored to their interests throughout the night as well as during the rest of the *Yom Tov*.

With the buzz of continuous, quality programming and renewed energy our Shul is putting forth a major effort to grow and expand. We would like to "share the wealth" with many other new families at our upcoming Open House on Sunday, May 20th (followed by a community BBQ) and look to our members to help us spread what may be a well-hidden secret in town - that Elizabeth has a tremendous amount to offer and still remains one of the most affordable communities in the tri-state area.

Much as we share our news with you through *HaMagid*, I hope you will feel free to submit articles and suggestions to us as well. *HaMagid* belongs to all of us!

My thanks as always to Michael Poppers who helps me make *HaMagid* a reality each and every issue. *Chag Sameach* to all!

All the very best,
Sheila

JEC Elmora Ave Shul

Shavuot Night Learning Schedule

| Time | Women & H.S. Girls | Boys 6th - 8th Grades | H.S. Boys | Adults | | |
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| 12:00 - 1:00 AM | Rabbi Oratz ¹ RTMA B.M. | Rabbi Pollack 3rd -6th grades Room 132 | Father & Son / Chavrusah learning Lunchroom | | Rabbi Yoni Korbman: Ruth's place among our righteous women Board room | Rabbi E.M. Teitz Daf Yomi Reibel B.M. |
| 1:10 - 2:00 AM | Rachel Bodner RTMA B.M. | Elie Bodner Room 132 | Rabbi Oratz ² Room 130 | Rabbi Kivelevitz: The Game of Jewish Business: Monopoly or Risk? Board room | | |
| 2:10 - 3:00 AM | Yael Hall: Shavuos: Hide & Seek RTMA B.M. | Rabbi Pollack Room 132 | Rabbi Herman Shiur: Kidney donation: A Limb for A Life, Is It My Obligation!? Reibel B.M. | | | |
| 3:10 - 4:15 AM | Rabbi Hagler: Matan Torah relive the experience RTMA B.M. | Barbecue & Shiur Rabbi Herman: Bar Mitzvah session Room 132 | Barbecue & Shiur Rabbi Pollack: Shiur Room 130 | Rabbi Oratz Shiur ³ Reibel B.M. | | |
| 4:30 - 4:50 AM | | Rabbi Herman: End of the night shmooz Reibel B.M. | | | | |
| 4:55 AM | SHACHARIS, MAIN SHUL Sunrise 5:33 AM | | | | | |
| Minyan S'faradim: Tikun Leil Shavuot , 12:00AM - Shacharis, in Lunch Room | | | | | | |
| Rabbi Oratz Shuirim Women ¹ : A Steady Diet of Torah: The Halacha and Hashkafa of Food Fads and Other Such Things. H.S. Boys ² :DUI: Driving (through life) Under The Influence: What The Torah Has To Say About Drugs & Alcohol. Men ³ : The Vnishmartem Imperative: The Torah Attitude Toward Being of Sound, Mind, & Body. | | | | | | |

With the advent of our upcoming Community Open House, the following press release will appear in The Jewish Press and other publications. We hope that you will do your utmost to help us publicize this event in the communities in which you work and among your family and friends. Please familiarize yourself with the particulars of the Open House, which will be followed by a community BBQ (exact details to follow). We hope that you will opt to attend and enjoy the day and the opportunity of meeting other Jewish families. Your anecdotes, experiences and enthusiasm will serve as a warm welcome to our guests and help pave the way towards growing our community and expanding our horizons.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT PLACE TO CALL HOME

Choosing the right community to settle in can be a very hard find. If it's perfect in one area, it usually lacks in another. Given all the variables a Jewish family must consider in the process of selecting the appropriate place to raise children, it is no wonder that many spend months and even years before making the all-important decision.

Nestled only one half hour from Manhattan and Brooklyn is a dream community that in fact fills all the needs of young families. Combining out-of-town warmth with the sophistication of a vibrant and growing *kehillah*, Elmora Hills, located in Elizabeth, New Jersey, boasts "everything under one roof."

Well-known for its excellent Yeshiva school system established by Rav Mordechai P. Teitz, *zt"l*, and currently led by its Dean, Rav Elazar M. Teitz, *shlyt"l*, the Jewish Educational Center spans early childhood through high school. With a caring staff of *Rebbeim*, seasoned faculty and administrators, its well-regarded schools, which include Bruria High School for Girls and the Rav Teitz Mesivta Academy for Boys, are at the forefront of quality Jewish education.

Newly appointed *Rav* of the Elmora Shul, Rabbi Avrohom Herman has embraced the community with his years of scholarly experience. His energizing plans have sparked a renewed vibrancy among young and established families already enjoying the beauty of Elmora Hills.

With an array of eateries from Dunkin' Donuts to delicious dairy and meat restaurants and full-serve Kosher supermarkets, Elizabeth offers residents a wide variety of Kosher shopping opportunities with the personal touch of businesses who work hard at superior quality at reasonable prices.

All of this and yet highly affordable, Elmora Hills offers housing well below the costs of comparable communities, with the added perk of reasonable property taxes. As a further incentive, both the JEC school system and the Shul offer new residents tuition credit and free first-year membership as a welcoming gesture.

The list of community and Shul resources go on and on, including an in-town *Kollel*, an *eruv*, brand-new *mikvaot*, *hashkamah*, *Sephardic and teen minyanim*, an active Youth department with a full-time Youth Director, daily *shiurim*, a local YM-YWHA with daycare and camp opportunities, and so much more.

You have a wonderful opportunity to visit Elmora Hills on Sunday, May 20th at 11 AM when the community "opens house" to showcase the neighborhood. Meet Rabbi Herman and other community leaders, tour the main spots in town, see available homes and share a warm BBQ with residents of Elmora Hills eager to share their experiences with you.

For further information on the Open House/BBQ or to visit Elmora Hills for a Shabbos, contact Rivky Becker at (908) 344-6946 or Jay Buchsbaum at (917) 776-7946 or visit us online at <http://elmora.thejec.org/>.

Gabbai's Corner

Ephraim Bassan, Main Shul Gabbai

Recently there was a *bar mitzvah* at our Sephardic *minyán*. To better celebrate this *simcha*, the Sephardic *minyán* traded places with the regular main *minyán*. Some of our Shul members who attended the *bar mitzvah* had never previously experienced *tefila* which followed the *nusach* and *minhagim* of *Eidot Hamizrach*. A number of them told me it was delightful & fascinating and helped to further increase the *achdut* of our community.

In the past few months I have managed to recruit a couple new people to *daven* for the *amud* who had not done so before in Elizabeth. I continue to look for more people willing to step up to the plate. If you have any interest, please speak to me. Some people have told me that they might consider it but feel nervous or intimidated. Please don't let that interfere -- I don't bite, and neither does the *tzibur*.

Like nearly every *gabbai* in the world, I know that not everyone is always happy with how our *davening* is run. On a single day I got complaints that *musaf* was too slow and that it was too fast! Still, I am always interested in knowing what the membership thinks -- both positive and negative thoughts -- as well as any suggestions you may have to potentially improve our *davening*. I just ask that you please wait until *davening* is over to discuss it with me. [Editor's note: contact information for all our *gabboim* is available online at <http://elmora.thejec.org/avodah/davening.htm>; Ephraim can be contacted via telephone at **908-354-3129** or via e-mail at JECGabbai@aol.com.]

Video Nights at the JEC!

Thanks to the Adult Education Division chaired by Howard Goldsmith, the Elmora Shul is now part of a new initiative that allows us to "hook up" to live broadcast *shiurim* given by two of the greatest speakers of our time.

On Thursday nights in the JEC Teacher's Conference room, Rabbi Yissachar Frand's *shiur* is broadcast from Baltimore at 9PM. On *Motzoei Shabbos* sometime around the 10PM hour (time varies based on *havdalah* time), participants can enjoy Rabbi Yisroel Reisman's *shiur* broadcast from Brooklyn, where over one thousand people congregate weekly to hear his insightful and wise words.

Please note that Rabbi Reisman's *shiur* is slated to continue until *Chag HaShavuot* and Rabbi Frand's *shiur* through July. Both *shiurim* resume again in the Fall.

If you haven't yet taken advantage of this wonderful opportunity, don't wait! You're sure to enjoy and want more of the same!

SENIORS LUNCH 'N' LEARN 'N' HAVE LOTS OF FUN!

Amy Bassan, Coordinator

As we near the close of our second year, the senior committee is pleased to report another successful year. We have continued our monthly Lunch and Learn as well as our special events.

Our monthly Lunch and Learn draws crowds of 20–40 people on the first Wednesday of each month. Both members and non-members attend, and our list of participants keeps growing. Those in attendance continue to enjoy Rabbi Herman's *divrei Torah* on the *parasha*, as well as the camaraderie and the food, which is catered by Leslee Brown. Of course, nothing could be accomplished without our Lunch and Learn volunteers. Mrs. Beverly Winter takes reservations. Mrs. Charlotte Zimmerman and Mrs. Picholz collect the money at the door. Every month, we can count on Efrona Hagler and Sharna Rosenzweig to take care of setting up and cleaning up. I work with Rachie Niren to ensure that fliers go out and that the gym is set up as needed. The hard work of all the volunteers is appreciated.

Many of our participants hoped that we could have one more Lunch and Learn in June, but unfortunately it isn't possible. Leslee Brown is going to Israel for her daughter's wedding (*Mazel Tov!*) and won't be available to cater. The gym is overbooked with year-end assemblies and isn't available for Lunch and Learn.

Although we don't have any more Lunch and Learn program on our calendar for this year, we can look forward to our next special event. Our year-end event will be Bingo with Karen Ostrove and, of course, her personable puppet Dorothy. This event is back by popular demand. Please look out for fliers in the mail and announcements in Shul.

A New Beginning

Thanks to a group of devoted women who were committed to establish an Elmora Shul women's organization, the Sisterhood was born.

After an initial meeting, it was determined that the Sisterhood's two major contributions on behalf of the community would be to welcome new families moving in (the organization would prepare a welcome basket in addition to making sure that the new family was invited out for several *Shabbasos* until the family had a chance to settle in) and, in the event, *lo aleinu*, of a member sitting *shiv'a*, to call and offer to prepare a meal during the difficult first week.

In terms of programming, the Sisterhood will hold meetings several times a year for women. In addition, families will be invited to participate in a trip and theatre party.

Eventually, the Sisterhood has the goal of forming a social and fundraising arm to the Shul. One of Sisterhood's active initiators, Rivkie Pinsker, expressed the desire "to start off small and work our way up."

The Installation Dinner for officers of the Sisterhood will be held on Monday, June 11th at One Stop Kosher. Show your support and interest by joining Sisterhood in this pivotal time of formation!

Youth Talk

Thanks to our very charismatic and energetic Youth Director, Elie Bodner, and his dynamic wife, the Youth division has been extremely active with programming to meet the needs of children of varying ages.

Younger children enjoy participating in weekly *Shabbos* groups, which have been exceptionally successful this year, undoubtedly due to a creative blend of serious *davening* and quality play.

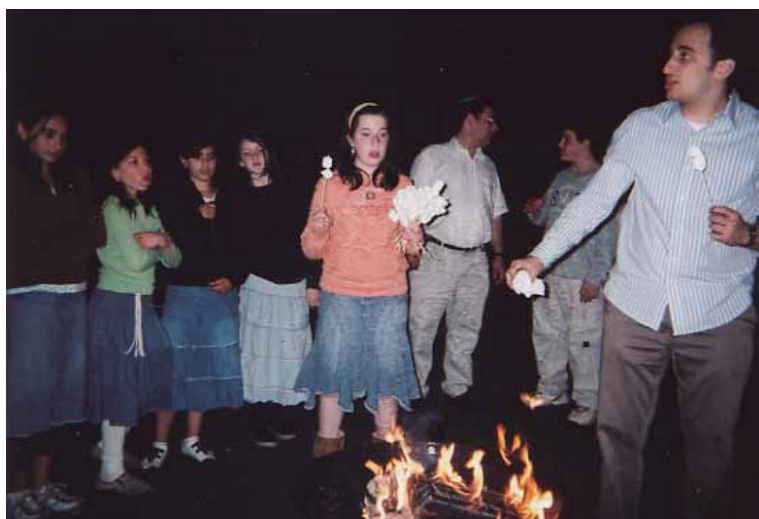
Older youth had a great time over Pesach at their annual excursion to Great Adventure and their well-attended ice-skating trip. High school boys also spent two *motzoei Shabbosos*, April 14th and April 21st, engaged in a basketball tournament - congratulations to the winning team! More recently, Junior High School boys and girls recreated their version of an Israeli-style bonfire (where else but in the JEC parking lot!) at their first ever *Lag Ba'Omer* program. Amidst a roaring fire, the kids enjoyed a yummy BBQ as well as the talents of professional magician Ben Cohen. [Many thanks to Nechama Averick and Shira Tova Nashofer for some pictures, listed opposite this article.]

On the *Shabbos* of May 11-12, our Youth Department will host a Yachad Shabbaton. Yachad, a national organization for the developmentally disabled, will bring children and adults with special needs to Elizabeth to enjoy *Shabbos* with us. The Shul anticipates not only our own youth in attendance but also an influx of high-school teens from other neighborhoods who want to participate in this very unique and memorable program.

A special "circle the date" for our youth and their families: the upcoming community BBQ (following the "Open House") on Sunday, May 20th, from 12:30PM to 3PM at Echo Lake Park. Highlights of the afternoon will *i'y'H* include inflatable rides, pony rides, baseball, races, music and lots of food!

Shavuos plans are already in place for our children with a special Scholar-in-Residence program featuring our own very popular JEC *rebbe*, Rabbi Ari Pollack. Rabbi Pollack will speak to all age groups throughout the *Yom Tov*. *Shiurim* are planned for Youth as well for the entire Shavuos night; a get-together in the "new [Fernwood Terrace] playground" on the first day of the *Chag* is also planned.

The Youth Department has made great strides in creating exciting programs that captivate our children's attention and interest. We look forward to continued positive feedback!



Who's Who and Who's New (cont'd)

Jodie Lochak

After singing the praises of our community in a past issue of *HaMagid*, you must indulge and allow me to compliment the town of Elizabeth once more. In an effort to encourage the people of our neighborhood to socialize and become more familiar with one another, Shul members were invited to host families they had never had in their homes for a *Shabbos* meal. What a terrific idea! I personally feel that it was a tremendous success, as I have spoken to a number of families (some who hosted and others who were guests) -- all agreed that it was a wonderful opportunity to "get to know your neighbors." My family personally connected with two truly fabulous and hospitable members of our community. Let's hope this event inspires us to continue welcoming others to our *Shabbos* tables.

It gives me great pleasure to mention several families who may not be the newest in town, but certainly merit a warm welcome for having chosen Elizabeth as their home.

Joshua and Goldie Kornecki come to us from Brooklyn with their two adorable children. **Yehuda** is nearly four and a nursery student at the JEC, while **Racheli** is their precious one-year-old. When they aren't busy parenting, Joshua is an attorney and Goldie is a pharmacist. Their lovely home is on Springfield Road.

Hadas Shavrck and her two sons, **Yitzchak** and **Yair**, enjoy living on Westfield Avenue (although she can't wait for her daughter, **Esther**, to return from Seminary Tomer Devorah in Israel). Yitzchak is ten and a fourth grader at JEC and seven-year old Yair is in the second grade at JEC. Many know Hadas for her remarkable job keeping the RTMA office organized and running smoothly -- in her short time with us, she has made herself invaluable! The Shavricks join us from Monsey, and we're so happy to have them here.

Aaron and Miryam Heller chose to settle in Elizabeth, where their sweet two-year-old, **Mordechai Yitzchak**, was born. Aaron works in the field of computers and Miryam holds a degree in accounting. Miryam is awfully busy being a fabulous wife and mother, as well as an active member of Elizabeth's hospitality committee, and Aaron recently joined the Shul Board.

Well, folks...I hope you get to know these terrific families, and that our community continues to pick up speed in the area of growth. Have a happy, healthy and wonderful Shavuot!

Until our next issue, stay well and stay welcome!

Perek on the Lawn: A Great Way to Spend Shabbos Afternoon

One of the beautiful aspects of spring and summer *Shabbasos* is the extra daylight hours we have (after *menucha* time, of course!) to enjoy amidst family and friends.

With that concept in mind, Rabbi Herman has agreed for the second consecutive year to offer *shiurim* on *Pirkei Avos* for both men and women. In addition to his sharing inspiring thoughts and insightful perspectives, the Rabbi offers participants a wonderful opportunity to join in ongoing discussion and question/answer dialogue throughout the 45-minute *shiur*.

If that weren't enough of a reason to attend, imagine having this wonderful *shiur* on a sunny day while relaxing on the lawn of a community member. To top it off, after the *shiur* the hosting family traditionally offers refreshments, giving participants a chance to mingle and socialize.

On behalf of the community, we would like to extend a *Yasher Koach* to the Buchsbaum, Cheslow, Elyaszadeh, Rosensweig, and Tropp families for hosting "Perek on the Lawn" (and to the Goldman and Mandel [Monmouth Road] families, who have offered their lawns for upcoming *shiurim*). "It was really a beautiful experience to have such a large showing of people attend the *shiur* at our home," said Homera Elyaszadeh. "We had almost 50 people — a full house — and a gorgeous, sunny day, too!"

Those who are interested in offering their lawns and/or homes (in case of inclement weather) for upcoming *Pirkei Avos shiurim* should contact Rabbi Herman at 908-355-4850 x104 or through e-mail at aherman9@juno.com.

Circle The Date

May 20th

Open Community Sunday, followed by a
Family Picnic in Echo Lake Park

THE NEW 'IN' SPOT: Elizabeth's "Shabbos Park"

Fernwood Terrace is a small but pretty street curving between Galloping Hill Road and Summit Road. In its midst, the City of Elizabeth has (with aid from the State) redeveloped the Elmora Racquet Club into a beautiful gem of a recreation center, featuring, among other aspects, a modern, landscaped Game Time playground for younger children with plenty of benches for whomever is watching the kids play; a building featuring a high-ceilinged dance/ballet floor, a game room, and other facilities; and an outdoor, synthetic-surface tennis court.

The word quickly spread through town, and in short time, the park has become THE popular social setting for many of our young families (and even those without young children). Michael Poppers shares some of his personal experiences with *HaMagid*:

"I walked up Summit early on the afternoon of *Shabbos P' Tazria-Metzora* (a few days after the Racquet Club reopening) with my two oldest children, Rena (soon, *i'y'H'*, to be 9) and Akiva (at the time, almost 6), all of us anticipating the fun inherent in discovering and utilizing all the aspects of a new playground. We turned right onto Fernwood, walked for a dozen or so seconds until we came across the black-metal fence fronting this new center, and wow! what a nice playground it is for the kids, with lots of climbing and hiding places, benches galore, small magnolia and other trees which still were in bloom, and a full complement of swings which even adults could use! Only a few other families were there when we came, but around half-an-hour later, the place started getting busy. When we wanted a break (the playground isn't that large, and the sun can get very hot after a while), we started exploring the building. Passing some community members playing chess and backgammon, we soon discovered the dance room -- it was cool and quiet! OK, time to go back outside and do some more climbing and swinging! After 90 minutes of playing, running around, and schmoozing, it was time to go, but we look forward to coming back soon!

"I don't know what the place will be like after a large rainstorm, but having been there in the springtime sun, I can tell you that kids & grownups should make sure to liberally apply sunscreen (ask your local Rabbi about how to *halachically* use your sunscreen on *Shabbos* and/or *Yom Tov*) and take frequent shade and/or water (there are fountains both outside, under the building's overhang, and inside) breaks. Don't plan to be there for an extended period of time, as kids may soon grow bored of the facilities, and try to go there when there isn't too much of a crowd. Other than those caveats, it's a great place, and I hope it's well-maintained and gives the community many years of enjoyment!"

Now that *Shabbos* afternoons are long and the weather is pleasant, the new "Shabbos Park" (even the Mayor uses this phrase!) has become yet another community perk. Rumor has it that the park has agreed to provide our Youth Department with a separate area for Rabbi Pollack to give an afternoon *shiur* to our children on the second day of Shavuot. "Well," mused Rabbi Herman, "perhaps I should consider giving my *Shabbos Pirkei Avos shiur* there as well!"

Bottom line is that you never know who or what you'll run into when you visit our renovated and very popular park...but, you can be sure that whenever you visit, you're likely to have a grand 'ole time!

WEBSITE TIPS and TRICKS

Michael Poppers

Q: What's the significance of all those underlined words in Shul e-mail messages and on our Website's pages (not to mention on the pages of most other Websites)?

A: That is the usual way in which your browser (or e-mail client) tells you that some other Web resource can be accessed when you click on any underlined section. In Web parlance, this phenomenon is known as a "hyperlink," and it is central to the power of the World Wide Web (WWW). I'll provide a brief explanation in this column, and if you have any additional questions (on this or on any other aspect of our Website), I'll be happy to explain further in a future column.

Let's say I have some information that is bound to change over time (such as the JEC Weekly Schedule) or which I simply want to keep in one nook of the WWW while referring to it numerous times in other nooks (e.g. a flyer for an event or a map of a particular area of the community). Instead of listing that information in a static manner or repeatedly listing it each time I want to refer to it, I link the reference to where the information is stored. When I create such a link, the browser or e-mail client usually (although not always) adds underlining and modifies the color of the reference's word or words. In all cases, you the reader can see what the link points to by hovering your mouse over the reference -- the target of the reference will be displayed in the browser's or e-mail client's status bar (note: you may have to 'turn on' your status bar via the View menu or a similarly-named menu -- usually, the status bar is a separate entry on that menu and is checked if the status bar is "turned on"). If you think the target may be useful, go ahead and click on the link, and voilà! your e-mail client or browser will attempt to bring you to that target's information; if it opened up a new window for you, you can close it at any time, and if it utilized the same [browser] window, you can simply use the Back key to return to where you were when you clicked on the link.

Examples of hyperlinking abound. Most of the phrases on the main Shul Webpage, <http://elmora.thejec.org/>, are hyperlinked, and I liberally use hyperlinking on other Webpages and in Shul e-mail. Within those Webpages and e-mail messages, you may click away at the hyperlinks in confidence -- go ahead and try them out, and enjoy the results!

Editor's Note: Somehow in my growing-up years, my mother found "spare time" to compile and edit a marvelous cookbook for our local Yeshiva entitled "Tastefully Yours." These recipes became our weekly experiments, and some of our family's fondest memories surround the cookbook, which we lovingly pass on from generation to generation. These two recipes are among our favorites and hopefully will be yours, too....Enjoy!

CHEESE PUDDING (OR CAKE) A LA GOLDREICH

Rosalyn Zelig

1 lb. farmer cheese

½ cup sugar

3 eggs

1 small container sour cream

4 oz. uncooked thin noodles, crushed

1 medium-sized can crushed pineapple, drained

1. Mash cheese.
2. Combine mashed cheese with sugar, eggs, sour cream and crushed noodles.
3. Lightly oil a baking dish; pour cheese mixture into baking dish and top with crushed pineapple.
4. Bake in preheated 350-degree oven for 45 minutes to 1 hour, or until brown on top (note: if using a Pyrex baking dish, set oven temperature at 325 degrees).

Good hot or cold!

FROZEN STRAWBERRY PIE

Miriam Zachter

2 baked 9" pie crusts

2 egg whites

¾ cup sugar

½ tsp. almond extract

1 tbsp. lemon juice

1 10-oz pkg. frozen strawberries (thawed, half the liquid removed)

1 container dessert whip

1. Put all ingredients except dessert whip into a bowl and beat at medium speed for 5 minutes, then at high speed for 10 minutes.
2. Beat dessert whip until stiff and fold into mixture.
3. Pour into the two baked and cooled pie crusts and freeze until about 20 minutes before serving.

MAZEL TOV, MAZEL TOV!!

Esther & Ken Blashka on the birth of a granddaughter
Rivky & Rabbi Mitch Bomrind on the birth of a grandson
Lenny Brandwein on the birth of twin grandsons
Barbara & Eugene Brotsky on their grandson's bar mitzva
Steven Buch on receiving his licensure as a Real Estate Instructor
Faige & Rabbi Yitzchok Burnstein on the birth of a grandson
Barbara & Rabbi Yakov Dombroff on Eliyahu's engagement to Rochie Schwimmer
Shulie & Joel Glazer on their grandson's bar mitzva
Hadassah & Zev Goldfischer on the birth of a great-grandson and
on their granddaughter's engagement
Chava & Rabbi Yitzchok Goldstone on their grandson's bar mitzva
Bracha Kenigsberg and her parents, Rochel & Rabbi Yossi Kenigsberg, on her
graduation from NYU Medical School and on her
marriage to Andrew Goldsweig
Annette & Leonard Lauer on their granddaughter's engagement
Hadassah & Eyal Lulush on the birth of a son; and to the
grandparents, Rose & Moshe Perez
Jackie & Herbie Maltz on their grandson's bar mitzva
RoAnna Pascher on being an Alumni Honoree
at the Sy Syms School of Business Dinner
Rose & Moshe Perez on Benayahu's marriage to Vanessa Attar
Cynthia & Betzalel Rothstein on the birth of a daughter; and to the
grandparents, Victoria & Dr. Salamon Galimidi; and to the
great-grandmother, Miriam Kirschenzweig
Molly & Joe Rothstein on the birth of a granddaughter
Bev & Larry Schechter on their 50th wedding anniversary and
on their grandson's bar mitzva
Havvah & Avraham Schwartz on the birth of a granddaughter
Abby Seidman & her parents, Rebecca & Larry Seidman, on her bas mitzva
Vivi & Dr. Steven Singfer on the birth of a grandson; and to the
great-grandparents, Ruth & Rabbi Meyer Auerbach
Elisheva & Rav Elazar Teitz on their grandson's bar mitzva

WELCOME!

Becky & Ari Romanoff

CONDOLENCES

Marina Engel on the passing of her mother
Henry Krauss on the passing of his father
Dvorah Preil on the passing of her mother
David Romanoff & Rabbi Nathan Zemel on the passing of their mother/sister
Mavis Rosenstein on the loss of her mother
Charla Schnipper on the passing of her grandmother
Miriam Spindel on the loss of her brother
Larry Wolgin on the loss of his mother

the voting members of the Elmora Shul Board

| Member | committee assignments | telephone# |
|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| David Cheslow | Board Chairman | 908-353-7225 |
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| Alex Engel | Board Vice Chairman, By-laws , Programming | 908-354-1899 |
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| Aaron Stier | | 908-289-7866 |

calendar for mid-May through June 2007

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|-----------|--|--|---|---------------------------------------|---|
| 20 Open Community Sunday | 21 | 22 Erev Shavuot 7:55p Candle lighting BM class (3/3) 7:15PM, JEC Teachers Lounge | 23 Shavuot I 9:04p Candle lighting | 24 Shavuot II 9:05p Havdalah (50 min) | 25 7:57p Candle lighting | 26 Parashas Naso 9:07p Havdalah (50 min) |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 8:03p Candle lighting | 2 Parashas Beha'alos'cha 9:12p Havdalah (50 min) |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 8:06p Candle lighting | 9 Parashas Shlach 9:17p Havdalah (50 min) |
| 10 | 11 | 12 Elmora Shul Board meeting 8PM, JEC Board Room | 13 | 14 | 15 8:11p Candle lighting | 16 Parashas Korach Rosh Chodesh Tammuz 9:20p Havdalah (50 min) |
| 17 Rosh Chodesh Tammuz | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 8:13p Candle lighting | 23 Parashas Chukas 9:22p Havdalah (50 min) |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 8:13p Candle lighting | 30 Parashas Balak 9:22p Havdalah (50 min) |

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The JEC Youth Department



invites everyone to a

Family Picnic

May 20th

Echo Lake Park

Directions and park map
can be found on the JEC website

12:30pm-3:00pm

Baseball games, Pony rides, Races,
Inflatable Rides, Music, Food & More!!!



Members- \$10 per person, \$40 family cap

Non-Members- \$12 per person, \$50 family cap

Admission includes BB-Q and all attractions

A bus will be leaving JEC at 12:00 and returning from the park
at 3:00 for those who are interested.

RSVP is required by May 18th

Call Elie Bodner @ 917-583-5963

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