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A Message from Rabbi Dean



Teach us to number our days, so we may attain a heart of wisdom. Psalm 90:12

Summer is a quiet time at our synagogue. Religious school is on vacation and the sounds of children learning and playing are absent. Adult education goes on hiatus as well, for no other reason than I need to recharge my batteries and prepare for the coming year. Only Shabbat services and

the daily administration of our community go on without cease. It is a fallow time, as if everything is in hibernation. I know that for many it is a time to be away from our community.

The Jewish calendar reflects this distance as well. July 20 was Tisha b'Av, the 9th of the Hebrew month of Av, on which we remember the destruction of the First Temple by the Babylonians and Second Temple by the Romans. Over time our rabbis ascribed other major tragedies to this date, including the massacre of the Jews of York in 1100, the expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492, the Chmielnitzki massacres in the Ukraine in 1648. But more than just a repository of tragedies, Tisha b'Av represents the time of the year when, spiritually speaking, God is most distant from the Jewish people, when our spiritual connection is most tenuous. The holiday is marked by mourning. Worshippers sit on the floor. In the evening, candles, rather than lights, are used for illumination. The service is spoken rather than sung. The destruction of the Temple represents the tearing of Judaism down to its foundation. During the three Shabbats before

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Tisha b'Av we read the haftarot of rebuke, three special readings from Jeremiah that remind Israel of their misconduct and bad behavior. It is important to note that these rebukes are not for ritual transgressions but rather for the exploitation of the poor and the weak, for social misbehavior.

But if the destruction of the Temples is a source of pain, grief and loss, it is also an opportunity to begin again. If the edifice of the Temple is gone we have the opportunity to build something new. Collectively, this is what our sages did 2,000 years ago when they created rabbinic Judaism on the foundations of the ancient sacrificial cult. They built a new Judaism that had so much spiritual and social vitality that it continues to this day. This is the Judaism that we inhabit, not the sacrificial cult of the Torah and the Tanach. As individuals, the seven weeks between Tisha b'Av and Rosh Hashanah are an annual opportunity to begin again: to stop and examine our lives, our behaviors, and our connections to our families, our friends, our community here at Temple Beth Hillel and the East Bay. It is easy to go through life as sleep-walkers, moving through each day without awareness. The High Holy Days and the weeks leading up to them are an invitation to live an examined life, a conscious life, a life of choice and intentional behavior. This invitation is symbolized in our liturgy by the seven haftaroth of consolation from Second Jeremiah that are read on the Shabbats between Tisha b'Av and Rosh Hashanah. This season reminds us that as Jews and as human beings we exist between the poles of Tisha b'Av, a time of alienation, grief and suffering, and Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, a time of intimacy, joy and renewal.

Soon, in a little more than a month, the High Holy Days will be upon us, religious school will begin again and our synagogue will hum with activity. The High Holy Days can be two days of prayer and worship, with greater or lesser impact on our lives. Or we can see them as part of a greater rhythm of life and use this time for reflection and renewal of our minds and spirits. Then the High Holy Days represent the climax of a process as well as the beginning of a new year in which we may be renewed again, given the opportunity to grow in wisdom and to lead lives of greater sanctity and wholeness.

Rabbi Dean Kertesz

Please join Renee Powell and the TBH congregation at a memorial service for her father Gerald Powell on Sunday, August 8 @ 11AM at Temple Beth Hillel. May his memory be a blessing.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT BY LAURA TAUB

I hope you are having a relaxing and restorative summer. Although activity at the Temple slows during the summer, the Board, staff, and member volunteers are hard at work making plans for the coming year.

We are creating the calendar; planning for Religious School; preparing for the High Holy Days; working on outreach and publicity to make us more visible; developing plans for improving the facilities; and becoming more involved in the larger community. Many of us contacted the Richmond City Council to educate them about Israel and supported our booth at the El Cerrito Fourth of July celebration.

On August 22nd, the Board will hold its annual Retreat to set our goals for the coming year. We really want your input so we can plan programs and events that are meaningful to you. To help that process we are sending you a few questions. Please give us feedback that we can incorporate into our planning. Let us know, either by mail or by e-mail, what you like, what you wish we were doing, what you would like to do to help, and any other ideas you may have. As always, please feel free to contact me, or any of the Board members, to discuss your ideas and thoughts further. The only way we can make the Temple the place you want it to be is to know what you want it to be.

We already have some exciting new programs planned for the coming year. In addition to our regular services and study programs, we will have:

- A Sunday morning preschool program for children ages 2 ½-4. Tell your friends.
- Game Night with pizza on August 21. This is for all ages. Please bring your favorite games and those that others may not have played before. We are hoping to have some of the newer games that young people enjoy.
- Dinner Dance October 2.
- An evening of Stephen Sondheim's songs performed by Jennifer Boesing, probably in early November.
- Bagel Brunch(es) to learn more about Israel and other timely topics.

I know that you have heard this before, but the only way we can do so much with so few resources is to use the biggest resource we have – our members. Your participation will not only help the Temple become a better place, but will enrich yourself as well. Members regularly say the most important

aspect of the Temple for them is the sense of community. The community becomes stronger by people becoming involved in it.

So, please, participate:

- Attend our events, services and education programs.
- Support our members when they have simchas. David Katz will become a bar mitzvah on August 14. and when they are going through difficult times. Renee Powell will be having a memorial service for her father Gerald Powell on August 8.
- Participate in Temple governance. We will have a Special Membership Meeting to vote on Bylaw changes on October 24.

And please, help us make it all happen. We always need volunteers. I would be glad to talk with you personally to help identify areas of need that coincide with your interests and time.

Right now, among other things, you can contact the following to:

- Join the choir to enrich our High Holy services – Howard Cohen
- Participate in High Holy Day services – Jane Durango
- Help our members: the Caring Community needs cooks and drivers – Marilyn Hertzberg
- Let everyone know about us at the Solano Stroll – Larry Fox
- Help with the Dinner Dance – Dana Meyer
- Sponsor and organize an oneg to celebrate Shabbat– Sheri Tattenham
- Spread the word about our Synagogue and Religious School in your community – Sheri Tattenham
- Help feed the hungry at the Souper Center – Arlene Lisby
- Help enrich our high school students' education by serving on the Midrasha Board – Laura Taub
- Plan Adult Education programs to educate us all – Laura Taub

Enjoy the summer. I hope to see you at Temple Beth Hillel soon.



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Michael & Carol Katz
are proud to announce the Bar Mitzvah of our son

DAVID JAY KATZ

We request the honor of your presence as David is called to the Torah to read the
portion of the week: Deuteronomy 16:18 - 21:9



August 14th, 2010 - 4 Elul, 5770

Promptly at 9:00AM

Temple Beth Hillel

801 Park Central
Richmond, CA 94803

RSVP to the Katz Family
by August 1st, 2010

Tzedakah

*"If I am not for myself, who will be for me?
And if only for myself, what am I?
And if not now, when?"*

General Contributions:

Sherbie Aberle: in memory of Seymour Aberle
Bernie & Daisy Dulberg: in memory of Norma Matta
Jay & Barbara Weidenfeld: in memory of Amnon
Weidenfeld

Religious School Enrichment Fund:

Sharon Mittleman: in honor of Sylvia Freifeld's Bat
Mitzvah

Dues Relief Fund:

Bo Breda & Pete Wilson
Irene Morgan: in memory of Celia Gross, Ida Morgan &
Abe Pupkin
Beverly Zell: in memory of Ethel Zenkel

Tzedakah-Tikkun Olam Fund:

Roberta Alexander: in memory of Ruth Alexander
Eric Husby-Gerry: in honor of The Life and Times of
Shirley R. Gerry
Eric Husby-Gerry: in memory of Herman L. Gerry
Ellen & Michael Stephens: in memory of Charlotte
Zuckerman

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Zuckerman

David & Renee Van Hoy: in memory of Howard Gordon

Office Equipment Fund

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Sherry Stone Scholarship Fund:

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Leila Blumenfeld: in memory of Jerome Blumenfeld
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Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:

Reva Cronk: in memory of Jean Mason
Jane & Pablo Durango: in honor and appreciation of
Special Anniversary Blessing
James & Deborah Koenig
Andre & Libushe Moskowitz: in appreciation of
basketball court dedication
Dann & Dana Ozer-Bearson: in memory of Robert
Bearson



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Anniversaries:

Debra Dane & Carl Ware	8/13
Henry & Eva Linker	8/16
Jay & Barbara Weidenfeld	8/24

Birthdays

Ellen Seskin	8/1	
Josh Genser	8/3	
Julia Tinloy	8/8	17th birthday
Edward Max Chanowitz	8/12	
Evan Joseph Class	8/13	15th birthday
Jacob Louis Fox	8/13	5th birthday
Adolph Kamil	8/13	
Arlene Lisby	8/14	
Elisabeth Miller	8/18	
Jane Kaasa	8/19	
Emma Van Hoy	8/20	13th birthday
Gary Class	8/21	
Barbara Weidenfeld	8/21	
Ken Hooker	8/24	
Eric Hooker	8/25	
Bob Lisby	8/25	
Elaina Genser	8/28	
Naura Teitelbaum	8/28	

Welcome New Members

Please welcome our newest family, Jane Kemp and her son Kieran to our Temple Beth Hillel community. You may have noticed them attending some events and services at TBH over the last several months.

Jane and Kieran are especially welcome in that they had the opportunity to try other congregations and both found TBH to be home. They are thrilled to be joining our community. Amongst Jane's many talents she is a hairdresser and home organizer. Kieran is currently a student at Tehiyah Day School.

When you see them please say hello in person and officially welcome them.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Are you looking for services? Housing? Employment? Or do you have these available? Do you have something to buy, sell, rent, exchange?

This is your space to contact members of our community. Please send your notices to Laura Taub.

New home needed for 1999 HP Scanner 3200C. Connects via parallel port. Won't work with Windows 7 or Vista as HP has not provided drivers. I previously ran it with XP and Windows 2000. Free. If interested, send e-mail to: brweid@yahoo.com.

Shabbat Potluck and Family Service in honor of Evelyn Hooker for her many years of dedicated service to our congregation
Friday, August 6 6:30 PM



NOTES FROM THE BOARD

July 7, 2010

Upcoming Events

- Memorial service for Gerald Powell, father of Rene'e Powell, Sunday, August 8, 11:00 a.m.
- David Kline brings you "Game Night" at the Temple - board games and pizza, Saturday, Aug 22.
- Rene'e Powell's ceramics exhibit, "Echoes and Fragments" continues at the Center for Jewish Studies, Graduate Theological Union library, Berkeley. Runs through Aug 27. http://www.careartsandreligion.org/doug_adams_gallery.php.
- **Dinner dance**, Oct 2.

Congregants' Comments:

- Frank Snitz attended Jewish Welcome Network's recent presentation "Increasing the Warmth of Your Welcome" and noted potential improvement in our website to include updated and varied age groups for photos, views of our location, and current leadership names to warm our welcome. He seeks input and will work with Wendy Roth on such improvements.

Community Events

- Neoma Kenwood and Selma Goldberg will continue their Religious School Tikkun Olam project of preparing dinners once per month for GRIP Family Shelter.
- The Board voted to contribute \$250 to the GRIP Harmony Walk, to be held Saturday, October 9, at 8:00 a.m.

Programs and Events

- **High Holiday Tickets:** Recipients of temple mailings, who have not attended High Holiday services at TBH previously, may attend one service free of charge, and second service at rate of \$36/service per person or \$75 for all remaining services per person within that High Holiday season.
- Jane Durango requests volunteers for English or Hebrew readings for High Holidays services.
- **Sukkot services:** Friday, September 24.

Operations

- In order to help the Board plan for the coming year, we will be sending Temple members a questionnaire, e-mail and mail, surveying their interests. We will follow-up by phone.
- **We have overcome previously anticipated budget deficit.**
- Dana Meyer has completed reporting TBH's income and expenses to URJ for dues calculations.



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Proposed By-Law Changes - Meeting to consider adoption set for October 24 (Editor's Note: The following letters represent the Board position and two opposing views.)

FAIRNESS & INCLUSIVENESS

Putting Our Values into Practice

The Temple Board has recommended two bylaw changes which would re-define how we vote at congregational meetings. As a member of the Board, I write to explain how the changes would: (1) be more fair to single-person households, and (2) be more inclusive of our post- B'nai Mitzvah kids in the life of the congregation.

At our congregational meeting on June 6, 2010, a package of Board-recommended changes to the bylaws was moved and seconded. After discussion, we voted to accept all the recommended bylaw changes *except* two specific changes (described below) to which some people objected. The congregation voted to postpone a vote on these two specific changes, which instead will be considered at a special meeting later this year (Oct. 24).

What Are The Proposed Changes?

1. The first change, Article IV Section 3

Currently, each eligible voter in a member household gets to have his or her own, separate vote at congregational meetings.

- The recommended change would provide that each *household* (not *person*) gets one vote at congregational meetings, to be divided among eligible voters from that household who are present & voting at the meeting.

2. The second change, Article IV Section 1, last sentence

Currently, in order to have any vote at a congregational meeting, the congregant has to be over the age of 18.

- The recommended change would allow any congregant over the age of B'nai Mitzvah to participate in his or her family's vote at the meeting.

Why We Should Make These Changes

The First Change: Voting by household_

Consider how voting works now. At membership meetings, we vote on things such as adoption of the next year's budget; approval of the officers and directors to serve on the board, etc. Long-lasting things such as any disposition of our land would require a two-thirds vote of the congregation.

Currently each family's vote is *not* counted the same. This is so, even though each of our households is asked to pay the same amount in annual dues, and each household for other purposes is also counted as one "member unit." So, a member household which comprises one single person gets only one vote. Yet, currently, another member household, made up of a couple, gets two full votes at the meeting. That does not seem fair. And, we have a lot of single-person member households!

The proposed change will not disenfranchise anybody. First, fractional votes will be allowed if more than one member of a household is present and voting at the meeting. Second, under either the current rule or the proposed change, if a couple agree on an issue they'll both want to vote the same way. If they disagree, they'll vote differently. Under either the current or the proposed rule, if that couple votes differently the votes will "cancel each other out." But the new system has the added benefit of giving each dues-paying member household the same say in congregational affairs.

Again, under the current system, a two-person household has twice the voting power as a single person household. If you think that's fair, then you should disagree with me, and you should vote against this change. The Board, however, recommends that you vote *for* the change to "One Member Household = One Vote."



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The Second Change: B'nai Mitzvah congregants

As to the second proposed change, allowing post-B'nai Mitzvah kids to participate in their families' votes at the meeting is consistent with our values and with our desire to keep kids active in congregational life following their Bar or Bat Mitzvah.

These young people have valuable contributions to make to synagogue governance. When a young congregant becomes Bar or Bat Mitzvah, they are recognized as being competent to teach us adults about Torah, as being responsible members of our community, as being counted in a minyan. We have a post-B'nai Mitzvah congregant who serves as the Youth Representative on our Temple Board, and I have found his contributions at meetings to be thoughtful and helpful. At my own daughter's recent Bat Mitzvah I told her, in front of all of you, that her insights were often right on, and cut to the quick of issues. I was telling the truth.

We also strive to keep post-B'nai Mitzvah congregants involved in our community. If this bylaw change results in even *one* such kid attending our annual meeting (instead of the usual *zero*) that alone may be worth it. Finally, the post-B'nai Mitzvah's vote will just be part of his or her family's vote; they will not outvote or disenfranchise anyone.

It is consistent with our values of fairness and inclusiveness to adopt the proposed bylaw changes. The Board recommends them. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Doug Freifeld

Family, Household, Adults

At our annual congregational meeting, a motion to update the bylaws was discussed. One of the updates was to change the way of counting members votes from one per adult member to one per *household*, formerly called *family*.

Though this board member originally agreed to this new way of counting member votes, upon further thought, I no longer agree with it.

During the board's discussion, there were at least three issues being discussed at one time. One is the inclusion of non-married partners in a more acceptable term, rather than 'family'. Though non-married partners may not be legally 'family', they are certainly functional family. As I recall, in following San Francisco city government terminology, the newer, more inclusive word is considered 'household'.

A second issue discussed was that of the voting status of post-bar/bat mitzvah youth. Let's understand that bar/bat mitzvah is a rite of passage to become an adult, religiously. The subject may complete a minyan. The board appreciated the contribution of a certain youth to the board, representing his peers, but conference or bestowal of voting rights at a congregational meeting is another matter.

A third issue discussed was the number of votes per 'family'; now described 'household'. It seems inherently undemocratic that a single adult family-household should have the same number of votes as a dual adult family-household. Does each invoiced unit get a vote? Or each person?

I believe that the proponderance of issues discussed at one time: naming of the member unit; conference or bestowal of voting rights to bar-bat mitzvah'ed youth; and deciding how that member unit is represented by voting rights, got conflated. I think the congregation needs to decide each issue separately and be clear about the issue. In other words, in order to make a youth vote more palatable, it is not acceptable to give each adult member a fractional vote. I think by teasing apart the multiple issues the congregation will come to a more reasonable decision that that proposed and later tabled at today's meeting.

Best wishes on further thoughts.

Louise Snitz

VOTE 'NO' ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

It is requested respectfully that the Congregants of Temple Beth Hillel vote against the proposed amendments to the Bylaws, for the following reasons:

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1. **There has not been adequate time allowed for review by the Congregation.**

Almost every non-profit organization allows a specified period of time for review - perhaps 90 days, or until a special meeting or the next general meeting is held. The Bylaws Committee has recommended several very important changes to the Bylaws. Two days for review and discussion among Congregants is not sufficient.

2. **It is proposed to let 13-year-olds vote on TBH affairs.**

13-year-olds cannot get a driver's license, vote in any public election, serve in the military, buy a gun, marry, or drink alcohol - and for very good reason: They do not have the judgment to handle such issues! Giving 13-year-olds the right to vote in TBH elections doesn't make them mature, it merely makes the process childish.

3. **It is proposed that families rather than individuals vote on TBH matters.**

What happens when one spouse says 'yes', and the other says 'no'? Or when 2 out of 3 feel one way, but the third feels differently? The result is to disenfranchise one person - and this is at the very time when we are asked to enfranchise 13-year-olds.

4. **The Board may adopt Bylaw amendments without even being present.**

Board members may vote electronically - without a face-to-face meeting - on critical issues; but Congregants must be present in order to vote. Many organizations allow for proxy voting, or for mail-in votes (absentee ballots, for example), but TBH Congregants must be present in order to vote. This effectively disenfranchises the sick, those away on family matters, and those traveling on business.

5. **There is no need for a rush to vote.**

The Bylaws allow for special meetings on matters such as this. Let's wait a bit, have group discussions among the Congregation, and decide in perhaps 3 or 6 months whether to proceed with these enormous changes.

PLEASE MOVE TO TABLE THE MOTION TO AMEND THE BYLAWS PENDING 90 DAYS REVIEW BY THE CONGREGATION.

Thank you.

Deborah and James Koenig

5 June 2010

Happenings Around the Community

Grief and Growing : A Healing Weekend for Bereaved Individuals and Families

Aug. 27 — 29, hosted by Camp Newman in Santa Rosa

Now in its 14th year, this unique weekend is filled with specialized workshops and activities designed to help individuals and families identify tools to help them in their mourning. Jewish programming is integrated throughout the weekend in both formal and informal ways. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Bay Area Jewish Healing Center at (415) 750-3436 or (415) 750-3436 . You can also visit www.jewishhealing-center.org/griefandgrowing.htm.

Watch for news about the upcoming *Solano Stroll* on **September 12**. Volunteers will be needed for booth setup, staffing the booth during the day, and breaking down the booth at the end of the day. If you can help, please contact Larry Fox via phone at 510-965-9351 or e-mail to Larrydafox@hotmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 2 2010

Second Annual Adult Dinner Dance
featuring Sandy AND THE
ROCKEFELLERS

Shoah Memories by Sam Genirberg

It was October 1st, 1942. It was a nice Fall day. The sun was shining brightly, but it didn't shine over the Jews of Dubno that day. The last five thousand Jewish men, women and children out of twelve thousand inhabitants whose culture went back to the 14th century were being driven out from their homes that day a few miles out of town to a field with prepared pits. After undressing they walked down into the pit where they were being executed by two German soldiers from the Einsatzgruppen who were sitting on the edge of the pit dangling their feet down, smoking a cigarette, and leisurely shooting at the defenseless people.

During the summer of 1942 it became obvious to the Jewish people living in a locked up ghetto that the Germans would kill us all. There were no more illusions that America or God would help us. In order to save lives, people began to dig and construct shelters in the homes hoping to wait the Germans out. Most of the Jewish people were resigned to their fate, like so many generations of Jews have acted many times before during the last thousand years of living in exile.

Some adventurous and courageous people began to make plans to escape or to hide. Every family was left to themselves. Even within the families members were planning their own escape with the blessing of other family members. By that time each family had someone missing. A father, a son or both that were caught on the street and executed. People were getting demoralized and resigned. There was no help coming from anywhere.

I acquired a birth certificate and a German issued identity card of a woman named Anna Trag born in 1906. A good hearted Ukrainian woman gave the papers to me. When I offered to pay her she said "My reward will be when you come back alive." Unfortunately, I never had a chance to come back to thank that woman for her deed. I changed the documents from "Anna" to "Andrey" and from "1906" to "1926". I used green ink to make the

changes fit the original papers. I turned two years younger. Only 16 years old. What the heck.

Two days before the executions, I was on my way to my job at the military oil base, when I encountered a small group of young Jewish men walking on the road escorted by a Jewish ghetto policeman. "Where are you going?" I asked. "We are going to the forest." He replied. "You may join us if you wish." the policeman said. I went along with the group hoping to join a partisan organization in the woods to fight the German murderers. What I found after a long journey on foot, was a band of elderly men and women looking for shelter outside in the woods in the very cold Ukrainian climate. The whole group possessed three rifles. Obviously, this was not a partisan fighting unit. After a few days I left the group, walking, only at night, back to Dubno, to the railroad station. The shooting of weapons was ringing in my ears knowing that every shot I heard killed another person, maybe even a Jewish baby.

To be continued next month.

Through August 27, 2010

Echoes and Fragments - Renee Powell, Center for Jewish Studies, GTU, MA thesis project; and Carolyn Manosevitz, artist and educator

LOCATION:

Doug Adams Gallery at the Badè Museum at the Pacific School of Religion, Holbrook Building, 1798 Scenic Avenue, Berkeley



OUR COMMUNITY

*Celebrate with us
The joyous occasion of the
Bat Mitzvah of our daughter*

Emma Jo

*Saturday, the ninth of October
At ten o'clock in the morning
Two-Thousand and Ten
Temple Beth Hillel
801 Park Central, Richmond CA*

Dave and Renee Van Hoy

*Luncheon and party to follow
Please let us know if you will be able
to join us at the luncheon and party*

510-223-7499

rvanhoy@hotmail.com

Emergency Food Drive Continues — Please remember the hungry — now more than ever

Since our Community Seder two years ago, our congregation has worked hard to fulfill the promise of the Haggadah that “all who are hungry come and eat,” by collecting food for the Richmond Emergency Food Pantry. Week in and week out we have been collecting food on a regular basis for those in our community who do not have enough food to eat. There are few mitzvot that are as important. When we began collecting food in April 2008, we had no idea that the economy would continue to weaken or that demand for food assistance would continue to increase. We don't know when the economy will turn around, but we do know that many in our community are still suffering and need our help. Breakfast cereal and peanut butter remain the foods in highest demand. Let us all continue to make sure that no one in our community goes hungry because they cannot afford to feed themselves and their families. When you come to synagogue for services, religious school, to celebrate Shabbat or for an educational or social program, please bring some breakfast cereal or peanut butter. Let's continue to share what we have by filling the red barrels in our lobby to overflowing to feed the hungry. The Food Pantry also needs money to buy meat and poultry, which we cannot donate because of health laws. If you would like to make a donation please leave it with Arlene in the Temple office. Make your checks payable to the Richmond Emergency Food Pantry.



Temple Beth Hillel – 5771 - 2010

Dear Friends of Temple Beth Hillel,

Below is the synagogue's **High Holy Days 2010 Schedule and Reservation Form**. Please read it carefully, complete the form, and return it with payment to Temple Beth Hillel no later than September 1, 2010.

The Officers and Board of Directors of our Congregation invite you to join us for High Holy Days Services.

Wishing you and your family *L'Shana Tova*. *Laura Taub*, Temple President

High Holy Days Schedule begins with

SELICHOT - Service/Oneg - Saturday, September 04 - 10:00 p.m.

ROSH HASHANAH

Evening Services	Wednesday	September 08	7:30 p.m.
Morning Services	Thursday	September 09	10:00 a.m.
Tashlich*	Thursday	September 09	2:00 p.m.

* Time is approximate (at Miller-Knox Park)

Holiday Get-Together	Thursday	September 09	3:30 p.m.
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at the home of Josh & Elaina Genser: 5222 Barrett Avenue, Richmond

YOM KIPPUR

Kol Nidre	Friday	September 17	7:30 p.m.
Morning Service	Saturday	September 18	10:00 a.m.
Service for Families with Young Children with Cantor Howard Cohen			1:00 p.m.
Study Schmooze Snooze			2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
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The Intern
By Roberta Alexander

One of the requirements of my master's degree program was to do an internship at a publication.

Although I knew my future would be in newspapers, I chose to intern at a magazine—the then young Ms. magazine.

My children stayed with my estranged husband for several months while I returned as a guest to my mother's apartment in Brooklyn and commuted into Manhattan.

I was assigned various jobs at the magazine, enough to give me some idea of how the different parts came together. Because it was on a monthly schedule, the work ebbed and flowed, depending on how close the next deadline was.

Some of the work was fun—like fact checking, which involved calling all sorts of people, and some was less fun, like the two not particularly educational days I spent in the photocopy room. I was also assigned for a few days on the business side, including the subscription department. This explains why I was alone in a back office with a pile of papers showing subscription patterns when a guy from the telephone company came in.

The staff was expanding into the vacant back rooms of the suite. The repair guy looked around and asked if he'd be in my way. I assured him he would not.

He asked what kind of business this was. I told him it was a women's magazine. He blinked at that. Did I mention he had pretty eyes?

"You mean like strippers and stuff like that?" he asked.

I choked back a laugh. "No," I said. "It's a magazine *for* women. You know, most women aren't all that interested in looking at undressed women."

"Oh." He considered that. "My wife has some women's magazines that are about cooking and kids, I think."

"No," I said again. I looked at his name tag. "I read magazines like that too, Steve. But this one is for women interested in more than home life. They've got careers and an interest in politics and other things."

He took some wire out of his bag, climbed on the desk and started removing the plastic ceiling panels. "So the women who work here are ... not interested in men?"

I sighed. I got very tired in those days of explaining that being interested in things beyond the domestic did not mean you were a lesbian.

"Speaking for myself," I said, "I'd be perfectly content to spend an hour sitting here and admiring your ass."

He stepped backward so quickly that I thought he might fall off the desk. I was surprised at my own reaction: a feeling of power surged through me. I liked it.

Thus began an unusual relationship that lasted until I returned home to complete my degree.

We would meet two or three times a week, depending on his schedule. The magazine structure was relaxed. No one checked in or out, so as long as you got your work done, you managed your own time.

Steve and I would spend an entertaining 30 or 40 minutes in the mechanical room of whatever building he was working in, or even in his truck. None of the locations were particularly comfortable or attractive, but it didn't matter. I soon realized this relationship was unusual for reasons that went well beyond the unusual surroundings.

For one thing, I never worried about him calling me. If for some reason he stopped calling, I'd probably be curious as to why, but there'd be no agony. Unlike just about every other relationship I'd ever had, there was no drama.

I had no need to be on the phone with my girlfriends obsessively going over what he said, and what we thought it meant.

For another, he was married. Normally, I steer clear of married men. But in this case, I liked the fact that he was married because I didn't want any emotional involvement.

It was years before I realized I had come to work at a feminist magazine and initiated a relationship in which I could act like a stereotypical male. How strange is that?

As the weeks turned into months, I noticed a change. It set a little red flag flickering in my head. Steve began talking to me—about his life, what he hoped for, his kids, and so forth. He was doing what, in fact, I always wanted the man in my life to do: talk openly about his feelings.

But in this case, I didn't want anything to get complicated. I didn't want to think of him as a complex human being with an emotional history and a need to share it. I wanted a toy.

So I found myself busy a couple of times when he called, and we agreed to end it the week before I left New York.

I guess I got the power thing out of my system. Shortly after I got home, I got into a relationship with the former partner of one of my friends. It provided plenty of emotion, enough drama for three operas and lots of issues with a capital "ay-yi-yi."

Like they say about New York: it's a fun place to visit, but I didn't want to live there.

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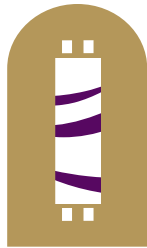
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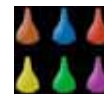
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