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NIGHT ON WHITE

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ANNUAL BENEFIT

MAY 14, 2009

Night On White: Benefit News

Thursday night May 14th this year will be the culmination of many exciting trends at the synagogue. It is, of course, the date of this year's spring benefit but it will honor architect Claire Weisz and celebrate the completion of the entryway and everyone who made this great change possible. And with the physical change will be new people both professional and volunteer who have joined our community to appropriately develop our mission and image for the ever changing nature of our neighborhood.

This event will endeavor to create the kind of energy and verve so typical in the Jewish world so it will be a media themed evening with all the trappings one would encounter at a real "happening". We are lucky to have the young creativity of our committee which consists of Avram Turkel, Larisa Svechin, Tatyana Svechin, Marianna Moliver, Wendy Friedland and Ed Bass. Additionally, Dolores Wine, Justine Fisher and Perry Parker have hopped on board. Kosher.com will help us celebrate with a giant chocolate fondue table. We will bring Delano's and South Beach in general to TriBeCa with a theme of service to our community in times of need; from 9/11 to our present tough economic times.

The invitations designed by Wendy Gardner Friedland are out and we now call on you to respond by first attending, taking out ads in the journal and/or buying raffle tickets. Thanks to Jackie Galory for coordinating the Raffle and we look forward to her winning picks. Prizes this year include a flight to Israel, dinner for two, tickets for the off Broadway hit "Rooms", a children's gift basket from Scary Stories and other surprises.

The Silent Auction is a highlight of the evening. Toby Turkel, Ken Meeker and David Rheingold are still seeking goods or services for donation. Please contact the office ASAP if you want to contribute. We have several exciting items up for bid, including a Napa Valley Golf Resort Vacation, a stunning Dakota Jackson furniture creation, celebrity photos from renowned photographer and SFTA member Allan Tannenbaum, outstanding original artwork, a Private Dinner Party and Wine Tasting for 10 at City Winery, Children's Birthday Party by Wendy, and much more. Please help spread the word to potential bidders.

There will be an informal fashion show and a ribbon cutting ceremony to inaugurate our new office and sitting room while honoring Claire Weisz, our member, who designed it all. We are rolling out the red carpet (literally) and putting up the velvet cord, so be on the "A List" and be seen!

We want to thank Rabbi Glass for all the work he put in to make this happen.

Hebrew School News

As I complete my fifth year at SFTA, I am pleased to say that this has been one of our best years yet. Our enrollment is up 30% from when I arrived, and our teachers have done a great job in teaching Hebrew and prayer. *Yasher Koach* to Erika Seiver, Ashley Seiver, Tzippy Wecker, Michele Nabatian, and Rabbi Glass. *Mazel tov* to Tzippy who will be receiving her Master's in Music Education from Hunter College this June!

We had a great model *seder* with over 50 students and their families in attendance. A great time was had singing, eating, and flipping rubber frogs. In addition, many of our students decorated pillowcases to use for reclining at their own seders.

Our last day of school for primary grades is May 18th and the last day for the B'nei Mitzvah Class is June 8th.

Registration forms for next year will be coming to you soon. Please register as soon as you can so we can hire our teachers in a swift manner. Please also encourage your friends to speak with us and think about coming to SFTA's school.

Wishing you all a great summer. If you need to reach me over the summer, please email me at gailnalven@gmail.com.

Gail Nalven, Educational Director

Bnei Mitzvah Chesed Project

By Phoebe Kaufman

For my *bat mitzvah* chesed project, I am interviewing people who participate in the Bowery Residents Committee (the BRC). The BRC is a non-profit organization that helps people who were once homeless turn their lives around. It is not like a homeless shelter, where people can go and sleep for a night. The BRC takes homeless people who are willing to change their lives change. They take people who have serious problems (alcoholism and drug abuse) and help them not to do drugs or alcohol any more. This relates to my *parshat Bamidbar* because the homeless people are like the Israelites wandering in the desert. They have no home, and come to the BRC for change. At the BRC, these people are counted, and when they step back into the world, it is like they have finally found Israel.

***Schtiklach* – Tidbits from around the Shul**

Annual Membership Meeting

Wednesday June 10th will be our annual membership meeting at 5:30pm.

This is a non officer election but slots on the regular board of trustees will be decided. In addition, important reports will be presented about the state of the synagogue. You must be a paid up member to attend and have a vote. New members must be members for one month prior to the meeting.

Shavuot

This year Shavuot will fall on Friday and Saturday May 29-30.

We will hold our standard event which will consist of a traditional service at 7pm, community dinner with a speaker to be followed by the Rabbi's learning presentation.

Details to follow -- stay tuned!

Gallery Space News

Our current show of collages by Theresa Greenberg and paintings by Regina Silvers is extended through May 17.

Manhattan Transfer, Mixed Media Reliefs by J.L. Elliott Berman, combining the dimensionality of sculpture with a sensitivity to color typically found only in painting, will be rescheduled. Dates TBA

This is the last show of the season. The gallery is closed for the summer. Please contact the synagogue for information about future shows.

Bright Minds Center

The Bright Minds Daycare, Nursery School and Enrichment Center will soon begin its second year of residence at SFTA. Enrollment for September is ongoing. For more information, please contact Marina Korostyshevskaya at 212-920-1014 or info@brightmindsnyc.com.

Tot Shabbat

Our last Tot Shabbat for this year is May 2nd, 10:30-11:30am. Thanks to Erika and Ashley Seiver for another great year.

T'ai Chi

Check your e-news for details.

Service Times

- ☆ Friday evening at 7pm.
- ☆ Saturday morning services begin at 9am
- ☆ Morning *Minyan* meets at 7:30am on T, W, F and at 7:20am on M, Th, and 7:10am on other Torah reading days
- ☆ *Mincha* meets at 12:40 & 1:40pm M-Th.
- ☆ Maariv is suspended until the fall.

What's Cooking with Dolores Wine

BLUEBERRY OR CHERRY BLITZ CAKE

- 3 cups all purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 2 cups sugar
- 4 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 drops almond extract (optional)
- 1 cup orange juice
- 1 pint blueberries-washed or 1 can cherry pie filling drained

In a large bowl blend the dry ingredients.

Make a well in the center and add the oil, eggs vanilla, almond extract and orange juice.

Mix batter till smooth

Grease and flour a 9"X13" pan. Pour in the batter.

Drop the blueberries or cherries on to the top of the batter.

As the cake bakes they will sink to the lower part of the cake.

Bake at 350 degrees for about 55 to 60 minutes.

Cool cake, then cut and enjoy.

This is an easy and delicious cake.

The recipe was adapted from a great baking cookbook, *A Treasury of Jewish Holiday Baking* by Marcy Goldman.

Calendar

May

- 5/2 *Tot Shabbat*, 10:30-11:30am
- 5/9 *Bar Mitzvah* of Dashiell Lieberman
- 5/12 *Lag Ba'Omer*
- 5/14 SFTA Night on White Benefit
- 5/17 *Bat Mitzvah* of Phoebe Kaufman
- 5/18 Last Day of Hebrew School for primary grades
- 5/24 *Rosh Hodesh Sivan*
- 5/25 Office/Synagogue closed for Memorial Day (no *minyanim*)
- 5/28 Erev *Shavuot*
- 5/29 *Shavuot*
- 5/29 *Shavuot*, Yizkor during Shabbat services
- 5/30 *Bat Mitzvah* of Olya Clarkson
- 5/30 *Bar Mitzvah* of Jack Gustafson

June

- 6/8 Last Day of Hebrew School for *B'nei Mitzvah* Class
- 6/10 Annual Membership Meeting, 5:30pm
- 6/10 Board Meeting, 7pm



CONTRIBUTIONS

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- Elizabeth Wechsler & Sylvia Stock...Leonard Hecht
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- ☆ Shirley Ebner for her birthday and her father's *yahrtzeit*
- ☆ Dolores and Gordon Wine for their sons Jonah and Ezra's ceremony
- ☆ Yaffa and Vito Licari for Vito's 70th birthday
- ☆ Ian & Dana Rubenstein on the birth of a son and for celebrating a Shalom Zachar at the synagogue on the Shabbat evening after his birth
- ☆ Diana Kurz
- ☆ Margo Cates
- ☆ Shirley Ebner

Thanks to Jack Ancona and his crew for fixing the cracks on the plaza!

What's a *Shalom Zachar*?

On the Friday night between the birth of a boy and his bris, it is traditional to have a get together with at least beer and chickpeas. Generally though more goodies are served.

The idea being that in anticipation of the heavenly cataclysm of a ritual circumcision, the newborn is vulnerable in a mystical sense. So the community gathers to recite blessings with the intent that the merit of these blessings will accrue to the protection of the baby.

In our neighborhood this is a rare occurrence, but this past Friday evening Ilan and Dana Rubenstein invited the community to the synagogue where we made L'Chaims, presented Divrei Torah and sang powerful niggunim.

May this be the first of many more to come!

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IN OUR FAMILY

MAZEL TOV to

- ✧ Beth and Paul Lieberman on their son Dashiell becoming *Bar Mitzvah* on 5/9
- ✧ Liz Berger and Fred Kaufman on their daughter Phoebe becoming *Bat Mitzvah* on 5/17
- ✧ Earl and Reena Clarkson on their daughter Olya becoming *Bat Mitzvah* on 5/30
- ✧ Loraine Abeles on her son Jack Gustafson becoming *Bar Mitzvah* on 5/30
- ✧ Rabbi and Mrs. Glass on the birth and naming in the synagogue of their 2nd grandchild Aviva Malka
- ✧ Arlene and Jack Ancona on the birth and naming in the synagogue of their granddaughter Chana
- ✧ Hugh Lippman and his sister Bonita Hoskins twin nephews Alex and David becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*
- ✧ Dolores and Gordon Wine for the calling to the *Torah* for the first time of their sons Jonah and Ezra
- ✧ Avi Turkel on being admitted to the New York Bar
- ✧ Gordon Wine on being in the *Small Works* show at NYU and selling two photographs
- ✧ Ilan & Dana Rubenstein on the birth of a son Paul & Miriam Goodman for their production of "Rooms" receiving 3 OCC nominations.

✧ Our Graduates:

- ✧ Sarah Blakeley from Bryn Mawr College
- ✧ Elke Glass Bronstein from Zicklin School of Business at Baruch College
- ✧ Barry Berger from SUNY Binghamton

BARUCH DAYAN EMET to

- ✧ Fred Kaufman on the loss of his father Millard
- ✧ Eileen Hecht on the loss of her father Leonard
- ✧ Bernard Glezerman on the loss of his father

TODDAH RABBAH to

- ✧ Dolores Wine and Susan Blakeley for preparing the food for our Hebrew School Model *Seder*.
- ✧ All who helped set up for the Hebrew School Model *Seder* including Yared Glickstein, Maleyna Gorig, Nadja Gorig, Aviva Gorig,
- ✧ TriBeCa Music and Art would like to thank all the participants and supporters of it's March concert series. The concerts were a complete success and will benefit the Synagogue in many ways. Special thanks to our members Carole Bergman-Kulok, Roseanne Fisher and Toby Turkel for help with organizing the series and to Arlene Ancona, Pnina Rosenraich and Susan Blakeley for their presence and support.

DID YOU KNOW?

At www.synagogueforthearts.org you can find out what's happening at SFTA, pay your dues online, register for Hebrew School, and so much more!

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