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## **Louis Friedman Scholarships Awarded**

The Louis Friedman Scholarship Fund at Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel was established by the Dr. Ralph & Irene Friedman Family and supported by students and friends to honor the memory of our beloved teacher by continuing his work of providing Jewish education for children.

Mr. Friedman's tenure as Ritual Director ("Shamash") spanned several generations. Reknowned for his wisdom, dedication, erudition, phenomenal memory and deep love for his people and Torah, Mr. Friedman gave the gift of Torah to hundreds of students. While the congregation has been blessed with many gifted rabbis, teachers and leaders over the years, for many Beth El-Keser Israel will always be known as "Mr. Friedman's shul."

This year the Louis Friedman Scholarship Fund supported the education of several deserving children whose families needed assistance to

enable their studies. It has been estimated that close to half of the Jewish children in the Greater New Haven area receive no formal Jewish education. The Louis Friedman Scholarship Fund aims to make a Jewish education possible for a few of the children who want an education but cannot afford tuition.

To support the education of Jewish children through the Louis Friedman Scholarship Fund at Beth El-Keser Israel, please send your check to "Louis Friedman Scholarship Fund at BEKI," 85 Harrison Street, New Haven CT 06515. If your child might need tuition assistance to attend the United Hebrew School at Beth El-Keser Israel in 1997-1998 contact BEKI Treasurer Stephen Wizner or Rabbi Tilsen at the same address.



Mr. Louis Friedman

## **Family Cabaret**

Broadway singer Paul Elkin and his company will perform at a Family Cabaret to benefit our United Hebrew School on Sunday 6 April 1997 at 3:00 p.m. at Westville Synagogue, 74 West Prospect Street, New Haven.



Paul Elkin  
Photo by Alan Gelbart

Elkin has appeared on Broadway in numerous roles, including performances in Sugar Babies, Whoopee, and Woman of the Year. Elkin has also performed in leading roles in Atlantic City and on tour across the country. At the Family Cabaret,

Elkin and his company will sing Broadway hits, opera favorites, and traditional Yiddish and Jewish songs. Accompanying Elkin will be Broadway and local performers including Danielle Cohen, an accomplished vocalist and UHS student.

All proceeds from the Family Cabaret will benefit the United Hebrew School which is the religious school sponsored by Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel and the Westville Synagogue.

Tickets for the Family Cabaret are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children and may be reserved by calling Carl Goldfield (203) 782-2064. Tickets may also be purchased at the door. The Family Cabaret is recommended for children 5 years and older.

## Administrative Announcements

### Synagogue Office Hours

Office hours are: Monday -Thursday: 9 am-3 pm and Friday: 9am-noon.

### How to Contact the BEKI Bulletin

Responses to "A Message from Rabbi Tilsen," questions for "Dear Rabbi" and Letters to the Editor can be sent to: Editor, BEKI Bulletin, 85 Harrison Street, New Haven, CT 06515 or by email to [jjtilsen@aol.com](mailto:jjtilsen@aol.com).

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## Mad about Madeline

I'm mad about Madeline - Madeline Albright, that is. It's not that I'm mad that her parents converted from Judaism to a form of Christianity. I have nothing against people who take religion seriously and who consequently conscientiously choose a faith other than Judaism. But of course, the usual profile of German and Austrian Jews who converted in the name of career advancement was just the opposite: they cared even less about their adopted Christianity than they did about the Judaism they left. And Heaven forfend that I presume to judge Jews who did what they thought necessary for their physical safety and survival, although I am enraged at the society that created such a situation for them. So I'm not mad at Madeline for whatever choices her parents made.

And I'm not mad at her for not being or becoming Jewish. While it was a dramatic revelation for some to find out that her parents had been Jews, it is not as if upon discovering this she's supposed to jettison her crucifix or Christmas tree and run to the nearest shul. She's entitled to be whatever she wants to be. And even her parents have the right to be silent about their past.

What I am mad about is the fact that she denied her parents' Jewish heritage even though she knew full well about it. I don't expect her to be proud of it, since Judaism is

a religion she was not raised with and which goes counter to her fundamental religious beliefs. And she never had a conscious part in the Jewish people, nor any reason to feel attachment or pride.

Not having been brought up in a loving, observant, educated Jewish family, she has no way to know what she missed. But I am mad because, apparently, she denied knowing of her Jewish heritage (albeit a rejected heritage) as if she were ashamed of it, as if it were a dirty secret to keep hidden. It is that part that makes me mad.

It is also sad that many names in the administration -- Cohen, Boorda, Rubin, Morris -- are those of non-Jews from formerly Jewish families. It's not that I advocate discrimination against them on this basis, it's just that I'd feel a lot better if there were positively identified proud and even observant Jews in public office. With very few exceptions all we get is people of "Jewish backgrounds," which as often as not they just assume keep secret. That's why I'm mad about Madeline.

On a happy note, it is likely that a great many of her appointments will go to positive proud Jews. May her appointment be for a blessing.



Rabbi Tilsen

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## Dear Rabbi

Dear Rabbi,

Why do some of the religious people shout or mumble "shmoe!" during services when the readers gets near the end of a prayer?

Signed,

Neither Shmendrik nor  
Shmoe, just wanting to know.

Dear Neither Shmendrik,

When someone is reciting a berakha (a blessing that includes the formula "blessed are you Adonai, our God, ruler of the Universe...") it is customary for listeners to follow the reference to Adonai with the Hebrew phrase "barukh hu u-varukh shemo," meaning "blessed is the One and blessed the name of the One." This is done out of respect to the reference to the Almighty. God's name is one the mention of which should command enough respect to be a conversation stopper. Sometimes listeners do not say the entire phrase audibly in which case all you might here is "shemo." The Hebrew word "shemo" means "[God's] name" and is unrelated to the Yiddish "shmoe"; they just happen to sound alike.



Dear Rabbi,

Can somebody married to a non-Jew sell their hametz [leavening] to them on Passover?

Signed,  
All in the family

Dear All,

No. Since under civil law spouses have some form of joint or co-ownership, one should not try to sell one's hametz to a non-Jewish spouse. One should not try to sell one's hametz to a non-Jewish business partner for the same reason. The best way to sell hametz is to grant power of

attorney to an "authorized dealer" such as Rabbi Tilsen to sell your hametz for you. That way you can be sure that the law is strictly observed and the sale is valid.

*All letters to Dear Rabbi should be addressed to Rabbi J-J van Tilsen, care of this newsletter. Due to the volume of mail received, Dear Rabbi cannot answer all inquiries.*

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## Special Needs Seder

The Sisterhood of Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel, in conjunction with the Jewish Family Service and Abel Catering, will host the fifteenth annual Adult Special Needs Model Seder at BEKI in the beginning of April. Each year the Sisterhood has hosted about sixty Jewish adults from the New Haven area with a variety of special needs. For many, this will be their only taste of Passover, and one that they relish and look forward to each year. The Torah teaches of

four types of children, and the Haggada reminds us that we must tell the story of the Exodus to each son and daughter of Israel in the way that is most meaningful to him or her. Through the efforts of Sisterhood, the generosity of Abel Catering and the good offices of the JFS, the Exodus is reenacted through song, food and story at a table set in the Passover tradition. If you would like to volunteer to help set up or lead the seder, or provide sponsorship, please contact Adele Tyson at 389-9599 or 389-2108.



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## Letters

Dear BEKI Congregants,

Thank you so much for all the cards and well wishes. We appreciated all the cards, calls, thoughts and prayers.

Elsie & Lou Hodes

## Smirnoff Stories Wanted

Milton Smirnoff has been selected as the 1997 recipient of the BEKI Distinguished Service Award. The award will be presented at a dinner held in his honor on Sunday 8 June at BEKI. A tribute book is being prepared for this event. Stories and pictures are being collected for the tribute book. If you have a story involving Milt, whether a short snippet or longer tale, please submit it to the BEKI office or contact Todd Strauss at 777-7643.

## BEKI Sisterhood News

Sisterhood is never idle. Co-chairs Mimi Kahn and Mikki Ratner are already preparing for the next rummage and white elephant sale on Sunday April 6th, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Monday April 7th, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Items for the sale should be brought to the synagogue any Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Clothing should be clean, in good condition, and suitable for spring and summer wear.

Remember that the Gift Shop is well stocked with terrific gifts for all occasions: weddings, showers, Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, etc., etc. For information and appointments, call Sisterhood president Adele Tyson (389-9599).

A date to remember is June 3rd, Tuesday, for Book of Life Luncheon. Further details will be forthcoming. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

### HaMaqom Yinahem

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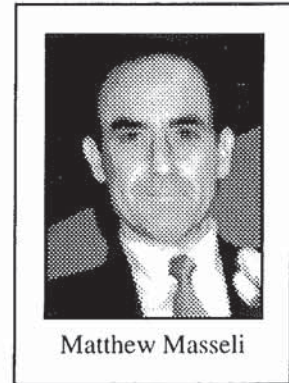
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## From the Men's Club

April greetings from the Men's Club. We would like to thank all of those who participated in the Yom Hashaoh Yellow Candle Drive. The candles should be arriving at BEKI by the end of the first week of April for you to pick-up. Those who are home-bound should call 389-9503 to arrange for delivery. If you missed the opportunity to order your candles, check with us, we did order extras. The Men's Club Shabbat will be the first Shabbat of April (4th & 5th). Please join us for services Friday night and kiddush after services Shabbat morning. Men's Club President Drew Allison will be the darshan. The Congregational Breakfast sponsored by the Men's Club will be held on 13 April or, for the superstitious among you, the 6th of Nisan. The intrepid Steve Wizner will be speaking on his recent trip to Israel--don't miss this one. We wish all of you a delightful Pesah and for the second time already, a Happy New Year.

Drew Allison

## Speakers & Darshan in April



Matthew Masseli

- Drew Allison, President of the Congregation's Men's Club and a graduate student at the Jewish Theological Seminary, will be the darshan on Shabbat Morning 5 April during the 9:15a service.
- Matthew G. Maselli, community activist and leader of Elm City Congregations Organized (ECCO), will speak during the Late Friday Night Service on 11 April at 8:00p.
- Marc Schwartz, New Haven psychotherapist, will be the darshan on Shabbat Morning 12 April during the 9:15a service.
- Jody Melnick, representing JACS - Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically Dependent Persons, and Significant Others, the organization promoting addiction recovery support in the Jewish community, will speak during the Late Friday Night Service on 18 April.

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## April/Nisan

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CSH = Children's Shabbat Havura JC = Junior Congregation  SSLM = Shabbat Shalom Learners' Minyan		23 Adar II 1  7:00a-7:30a Shaharit Morning Service  5:45p-6:10p Minha-Maariv Services	24 Adar II 2 7:00a-7:30a Shaharit Morning Service 5:45p-6:10p Minha-Maariv Services  6:00p <b>Sisterhood Special Needs Seder</b>	25 Adar I 3  7:00a-7:45a Shaharit Morning Service  5:45p-6:10p Minha-Maariv ServicesI	26 Adar II 4 6:00p Early Service  7:01 Candle Lighting  8:00p Men's Club Late Service	<i>HaHodesh</i> 5 9:15 a Shaharit Darshan: Drew Allison 10:45a CSH Jr. Cong.  5:45 p Minha  7:51p <i>Motse'ei Shabbat</i>
28 Adar II 6 9:00a-9:30a Morning Service 9:00a-3:00p <b>Rummage Sale</b>  3:00p UHS Concert 5:45p Minha- Maariv	29 Adar II 7  7:00a Morning Service (no Rashi)  9:00a-1:00p <b>Rummage Sale</b>  5:45p Minha- Maariv	1 Nisan 8 Rosh Hodesh  7:00a-7:50a Shaharit Morning Service  5:45p-6:10p Minha-Maariv Services	2 Nisan 9  7:00a-7:30a Shaharit Morning Service  5:45p-6:10p Minha-Maariv Services	3 Nisan 10  7:00a-7:45a Shaharit Morning Service  5:45p-6:10p Minha-Maariv Services	4 Nisan 11 6:00p Early Service  7:09p Candle Lighting  8:00p Late Service Speaker Matt Mascelli ECCO	<i>Tazria</i> 12 9:15a Shaharit Darshan: Marc Schwartz 10:45a CSH Jr. Cong. Learner's Minyan 5:45p Minha 8:00p <i>Motse'ei Shabbat</i>
6 Nisan 13 9:30a <b>Breakfast by Men's Club Steve Wizner Speaker 4:00p LaMaazel at Benson- Tilsens 5:45p Minha</b>	7 Nisan 14 7:45a Rashi Study  5:45p-6:10p Minha-Maariv	8 Nisan 15  7:00a-7:30a Shaharit Morning Service  5:45p-6:10p Minha-Maariv Services	9 Nisan 16  7:00a-7:30a Shaharit Morning Service  5:45p-6:10p Minha-Maariv Services	10 Nisan 17  7:00a-7:45a Shaharit Morning Service  5:45p-6:10p Minha-Maariv Services	11 Nisan 18 6:00p Early Service  7:16p Candle Lighting  8:00 p Late service Speaker Jody Melnik JACS	Metzora- Shabbat 19 HaGadol 9:15a Shaharit 10:45a CSH Jr.. Congregation 5:45p Minha  8:07p <i>Motse'ei Shabbat</i>
13 Nisan 20 9:00a-9:30a Shaharit Morning Service  5:45p-6:10p Minha-Maariv Search for Hametz	14 Nisan 21 7:00a <b>Siyyum Bekhorot-First Born</b> 8:30a <b>Men's Club Miqva</b> 5:45p NO Minha- Maariv service at Shul  7:18p Festival Candle Lighting	15 Nisan 22 9:15a Festival Morning Service  NO Minha- Maariv services at shul  Light candles <i>after</i> 8:12p	16 Nisan 23 9:15a Festival morning service  5:45p Minha afternoon service	17 Nisan 24 7:00a-7:55a Hol HaMoed Morning Service  5:45p-6:10p Minha-Maariv Service	18 Nisan 25 6:00p Early Service Only  7:24p Candle Lighting	Hol HaMoed 26 9:15 a Shaharit Shir HaShir- Song of Songs 10:45a CSH Jr. Cong. Learner's Minyan 5:45p Minha 8:15p <i>Motse'ei Shabbat</i>
20 Nisan 27 9:00a-9:55a Morning Service 5:45p Minha 6:00p-6:20p Festival Maariv Service 7:26p Light Candles	21 Nisan 28 9:15a Festival Morning Service NO Rashi Study 5:45 Afternoon service 6:00p-6:20p Festival Evening Service. Light candles <i>after</i> 8:18p	22 Nisan 29 9:15a Festival Morning Service <b>Yizkor Memorial Service</b> 5:45p-6:00p Minha 8:30p Festival ends	23 Nisan 30 7:00a-7:30a Shaharit Morning Service  5:45p-6:10p Minha-Maariv Services		During Pesah it is forbidden to eat or own any edible Hametz.  <b>Yes you can use food certificates from Mimi &amp; Mikki &amp; Myra to buy Matza</b>	True, there is no day in this box but it's not the end of the world.



## Dates and Times to Remember

### April Events

04 Fri	6:00p 7:01p 8:00p	Early Service Candle Lighting Late Service
05 Sha	9:15a	Men's Club Shabbat Shabbat Morning Service Men's Club Shabbat Darshan: Drew Allison
	10:45a	Children's Shabbat Havura
	10:45a	Junior Congregation
	5:45p	Minha Afternoon Service
	7:51p	Motse'ei Shabbat
06 Sun	9:00a	Rummage to 3:00p
	3:00p	Family Cabaret (at Wstvl)
07 Mon	7:45a	(No Rashi)
	9:00a	Rummage to 1:00p
11 Fri	6:00p 7:09p 8:00p	Early Service Candle Lighting Late Service
12 Sha	9:15a	Speaker: Matt Maselli, ECCO Shabbat Morning Service Darshan: Marc Schwartz
	10:45a	Children's Shabbat Havura
	10:45a	Junior Congregation
	10:45a	Learners' Minyan
	5:45p	Minha Afternoon Service
	8:00p	Motse'ei Shabbat
13 Sun	9:30a	Breakfast by Men's Club
	4:00p	LaMaazel at Benson-Tilsens
14 Mon	7:45a	Rashi Study Group
18 Fri	6:00p 7:16p 8:00p	Early Service Candle Lighting Late Service
19 Sha	9:15a	Speaker: Jody Melnik, JACS Shabbat Morning Service Shabbat HaGadol
	10:45a	Children's Shabbat Havura
	10:45a	Junior Congregation
	5:45p	Minha Afternoon Service
	8:07p	Motse'ei Shabbat
21 Mon	7:00a	Siyyum Bekhorot/Firstborn (No Rashi Study)
	5:45p	No evening service at BEKI
	7:18p	Festival Candle Lighting
22 Tue	9:15a	Festival Morning Service NO evening service at BEKI Light Candles AFTER 8:12p
23 Wed	9:15a	Festival Morning Service
	5:45p	Minha afternoon Service
25 Fri	6:00p	Early Service Only
	7:24p	Candle Lighting
26 Sha	9:15a	Shabbat Morning Service Shir HaShirim: Song of Songs
	10:45a	Children's Shabbat Havura
	10:45a	Junior Congregation
	10:45a	Learners' Minyan
	5:45p	Minha Afternoon Service
	8:15p	Motse'ei Shabbat
27 Sun	5:45p 6:00p	Minha Afternoon Service Festival Maariv Service (20 minutes)
	7:26p	Light Candles
28 Mon	9:15a	Festival Morning Service (No Rashi Study)
	5:45p	Afternoon Service

	6:00p	Festival Evening Service (20 minutes)
		Light Candles AFTER 8:18p
29 Tue	9:15a	Festival Morning Service
	8:30p	Yizkor Memorial Service Festival Ends

### May Events

02 Fri	6:00p 7:31p 8:00p	Early Service Candle Lighting Late Service
03 Sha	9:15a	Shabbat Morning Service
	10:45a	Children's Shabbat Havura
	10:45a	Junior Congregation
	5:45p	Minha Afternoon Service
	8:22p	Motse'ei Shabbat
04 Sun	2:00p	Holocaust Memorial
05 Mon	7:45a	Rashi Study Group
09 Fri	6:00p 7:39p 8:00p	Early Service Candle Lighting Late Service
10 Sha	9:15a	Shabbat Morning Service Darshan: Stephen Wizner
	10:45a	Children's Shabbat Havura
	10:45a	Junior Congregation
	10:45a	Shabbat Shalom Learners' Minyan
	5:45p	Minha Afternoon Service
	8:31p	Motse'ei Shabbat
12 Mon	7:45a	NO Rashi Study Group
16 Fri	6:00p 7:46p 8:00p	Early Service Candle Lighting Late Service
17 Sha	9:15a	Honoring Nurses Shabbat Morning Service UHS Shabbat
	10:45a	Children's Shabbat Havura
	10:45a	Junior Congregation
	5:45p	Minha Afternoon Service
	8:39p	Motse'ei Shabbat
18 Sun	9:30a	Breakfast by Men's Club Speaker: Mark Sklar
	4:00p	LaMaazel at Benson-Tilsens
19 Mon	7:45a	Rashi Study Group
23 Fri	6:00p 7:52p 8:00p	Early Service Candle Lighting Late Service
24 Sha	9:15a	Bar Mitzva: Aaron Brotman Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzva: Aaron Brotman
	10:45a	Children's Shabbat Havura
	10:45a	Junior Congregation
	10:45a	Shabbat Shalom Learners' Minyan
	5:45p	Minha Afternoon Service
	8:46p	Motse'ei Shabbat
26 Mon	9:00a	Morning Service (special time)
	9:45a	Rashi Study Group
27 Tue	2:00p	RSVP due for Dinner
30 Fri	6:00p 7:58p 8:00p	Early Service Candle Lighting Late Service
31 Sha	9:15a	Shabbat Morning Service
	10:45a	Children's Shabbat Havura
	10:45a	Junior Congregation
	5:45p	Minha Afternoon Service
	8:54p	Motse'ei Shabbat

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## Selling of Hametz

During the eight days of Pesah (Passover) it is forbidden for Jews to eat or own edible hametz. Hametz is any product containing wheat, barley, oats, spelt or rye that has not been especially prepared kosher for Pesah. Ideally one disposes of all hametz by the morning before Pesah. In order to be sure that this has taken place, or to avoid the loss of expensive hametz such as liquor, one can sell their hametz for the period of Pesah. If you would like to authorize Rabbi Tilsen to sell your hametz on your behalf to someone who is allowed to own it, please sign the form available at each daily service or sign and return the form included in a synagogue mailing for that purpose. The form is a power of attorney allowing Rabbi Tilsen to sell your hametz for you, which he will do in a sale that will be effective the morning before Pesah. Please return the authorization form at your earliest opportunity.

## Siyyum Bekhorot

The Fast of the First Born is Monday 21 April beginning at dawn. But firstborn who attend the morning service at 7:00a may conclude their fast by partaking of the seudat mitzva celebrating a siyyum, the conclusion of a study project. Services and siyyum will end by 8:15a All may attend. That time will also be the last available opportunity to authorize Rabbi Tilsen to sell you hametz.

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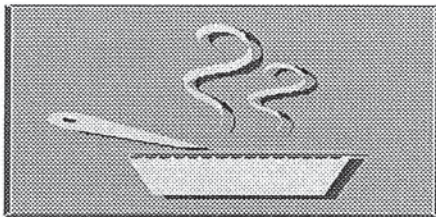
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## Yizkor Memorial Service

The Yizkor Memorial Service will be held during the 9:15a Festival morning service on Tuesday 29 April. The Festival service includes a Shaharit morning service, Hallel (Psalms of praise), a Torah reading and Haftara, and the Musaf additional service, and concludes by noon. The Yizkor memorial service is one of four such services during the year that help us recognize our feelings of loss, which are often especially intense during Pesah season, and to honor the memories of our loved ones.

## Spring Rummage & Tag Sale



Sisterhood's Rummage and Tag sale will be held Sunday April 6th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and Monday April 7th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Requested items include, clean and wearable spring and summer clothing. Please do not send winter clothing, we have limited storage area. Save it for our Winter Rummage Sale.

We have calls for lamps, small furniture, household items, pictures, plants, small appliances (in working condition) toys, costume jewelry, bric-a-brac etc.

There will also be some new articles for sale. You can drop off items at the synagogue before the sale. Remember these sales are Sisterhood's biggest fund raisers. Please volunteer to help - set-up will be Thursday April 3rd at 7:30 pm.

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Beginning in the fall, courses will be open to the public, so stay tuned. For further information, please contact distance learning program manager Michael Starr by telephone: (212) 678-8901 or by e-mail: [mistarr@jtsa.edu](mailto:mistarr@jtsa.edu). Funding for most of this project is being provided by the Kaminer Family Foundation.

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The April meeting of LaMaazel will include a general introduction and will focus on choosing names and welcoming ceremonies for boys and girls.

LaMaazel is sponsored by a grant by the Gateways outreach project of the Jewish Theological Seminary and by BEKI. If you would like to attend or know of someone who might like an invitation, please contact Rabbi Tilsen at 389-2108. If you would like to bring an older child along who will need supervision be sure to let us know as babysitting will be provided.

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