



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY BY CANTOR HALEV

On the evening of Barak Obama's riveting acceptance speech, I saw one circle in my life beginning to close, and another opening. For me, perhaps the most moving image of the culmination of a long political process was to see tears streaming down the faces of Jesse Jackson and Oprah Winfrey. They were not only tears of pride but of a long-fought struggle that went back to the days of slavery.

As a relatively new American – I had become a citizen only in 1988 – I felt a great sense of pride in America, my adopted country, and a pride, too, in the democratic process which would allow us to choose a black president. One senses that this would not have happened in any other western country.

My mind and heart went back to 1990 when I was on a trip back to South Africa to take Rebecca Thandi, my oldest daughter, to meet her family. (Joanie and I had consulted together and had chosen her middle name, Thandi -- "beloved" in Zulu – a name that I knew would always remind me of my connection -- both joyful and painful -- to the country of my birth.) We were resting in a hotel room in London waiting for a plane connection to South Africa. My 18 month-old daughter was lying next to me when I turned the TV on and, suddenly, there was a special announcement interrupting the programming on the BBC. We were told to wait a few moments for breaking news. The cameras then panned in and we were told that Nelson Mandela would be walking to freedom in a few minutes. And there he was – walking, with his wife, through the gates of the prison to freedom. It is hard to describe the emotions I felt, as I had been involved in the anti-Apartheid struggle and had often felt ashamed of being a white South African. Ten hours later, I stepped off the plane with Rebecca. We had come home to a new South Africa!

Growing up in South Africa, we were often told that the white Afrikaners who were in power had based their policy on verses from the Book of Genesis. In these verses we read that the dark people were fated to be the "hewers of wood and the carriers of water." The Afrikaners saw themselves as the biblical Israelites carrying "the Word" into the heathen lands of the darker people.

By the end of the millennium, Nelson Mandela and Martin

Luther King Jr. were seen as two of the most important figures of the 20th century.

The histories of African-Americans and the Jewish people share many common experiences: that of tremendous persecution and a faith in themselves and in their religions. Certain Jews in this country, as well as in South Africa, were very active in the struggle for freedom, and Martin Luther King Jr. often acknowledged this. We are reminded in Exodus 23:9: "You shall not oppress a stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt." Our founding members of Congregation Habonim, after a thousand years of Jewish life in Germany, were to learn that they were strangers in that country, the land of their birth. And what a tragedy was to follow!

Our daily prayers prompt us to remember that we were once slaves in Egypt at the same time as they remind us to reach out to the stranger. I believe that, in this broken world, there can be no more important thing to do than to teach our children about these words – not just passively, but by our actions. Our great sage Abraham Joshua Heschel, who was often derided by fellow Jews for his activism on behalf of the Black Freedom struggle, said that when he marched his "feet were praying." Our prophet Isaiah says "Cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression." We are told to love our neighbor as ourselves.

After attending the funeral of Martin Luther King Jr., Heschel was asked what was next. He said, "You must teach the children, so that they may remake the world."

In January, soon after Martin Luther King Jr. Day is celebrated this coming year, we will begin to move into a new era in America and in the world. True, the future is uncertain – and we will need to come together to surmount the very real challenges that lie ahead.

But we can, at last, point to the fact that our leadership is now truly representative of the multicultural country that America is. (In fact, based on the number of Jewish members of the new administration in Washington, it will be possible to get a minyan together in the White House at the drop of a hat!)

May our common heritage and experience guide these men and women with wisdom.

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THANK YOU

I would like to sincerely thank all those of you who attended my 25th Anniversary weekend celebration or supported it financially.

It was a wonderful weekend for me and my family, and something I know my children will always remember. There were so many people involved, with so many details to take care of! I want to thank both our terrific office staff and all of the members who worked so hard to make the weekend special. I do know how much work went into making it all happen, and I am so very grateful for all of your time and effort.

Thank you, too, for inviting my close friends to participate. Their presence brought back fond memories of times even before I came to New York, as well as during the 27 years that I have been living here. I will cherish the journal and the slide show that you created – and so will Joanie and the girls.

It has been a meaningful experience getting to know you as the cantor of Congregation Habonim. Thank you for marking this anniversary with a special celebration, lending perspective to these years, and showing your love and appreciation for the work I do.

I look forward to continuing with you, in friendship and in the sharing of our Jewish lives, for many years to come.

— Cantor Bruce Halev

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT -- KEEPING THE DREAM ALIVE

A number of months ago, I wrote to you explaining the efforts we were making to find a new home for Habonim. We were in active discussions to acquire a site. Due to current market conditions, the site we were working on has been withdrawn from the market. We will not stand still - we have been and will continue to explore other opportunities. However, past experience has shown that suitable properties are not readily available in our neighborhood.

We will also explore our options regarding what can be done to remodel and expand our current facility. This would enhance our ability to serve more children in both the Nursery School and Religious School as well as to expand our office space and program areas.

I will update you as conditions warrant.

— Saul Sanders, President

SOMETHING NEW @ HABONIM

THE HABONIM BULLETIN IS NOW ONLINE!

Last time I wrote *Something New @ Habonim*, I predicted the “paperless” office was the next thing to happen. Not just yet, but we are “Going Green”. The Habonim Bulletin is now being distributed online!

We encourage those who have internet access to download the Monthly Bulletin by going to www.habonim.net. You will find the same inspiring articles and community news along with Save-the-Date alerts and an easy to read calendar.

If a household does not have internet access, we will be sending Bulletins to those members by mail.

Because of rising printing and mailing costs, this step has been under consideration for many months. We feel this is the perfect time to launch this new environment-friendly and money-saving initiative.

— Yolanda Potasinski, Executive Director

A BRIEF HISTORY OF HABONIM

Delivered by Susan Grant on the occasion of Rabbi Joshua Katzan's Installation

Rabbi Katzan, Rabbi Dollin, Rabbi Harwitz, Rabbi Savenor, Cantor Halev, President Sanders, honored guests, fellow members:

I am very honored to be here today, to give you a brief history of Congregation Habonim.

But I have been struggling with the question - how to convey 69 years of people, people who in larger or smaller ways, have made Habonim what it is today, in just 3 or 4 minutes? I decided that rather than give you facts, names and events, which you can read about in your programs, I would give you a more personal history of Congregation Habonim. And because a good number of you know the story of Habonim from the more recent years, I thought I would focus on the somewhat more distant past.

As many of you know, I am a long-time Queens member, having joined with my family around 1960, but as that date implies, we missed many of the early years, and our perspective was shaped by living in Queens, so I apologize to those of you who know so much more of the synagogue's beginning and those who lived in Manhattan and had different experiences.

Over the years, I have thought about why, again living in Queens and with a family, I have maintained such strong ties to Habonim, and it is undoubtedly because the members - both young and old - had formed my family - not my immediate family but an extended family of cousins, aunts, uncles, that I and most of my Hebrew school and Youth Group friends did not have, or if we did have, they lived in far-off places like California, or Israel, or Australia.

In Queens, as I was growing up, families saw each other for our regular Shabbat morning services at Mizpah Temple, an old rented Masonic building, where the service was conducted by one of the synagogue's two permanent rabbis and cantors. The kids also saw each other each week either at the Elmhurst or Forest Hills Hebrew schools until they were combined in the mid-1960s, and at the very active Youth Groups. There were Bar Mitzvahs (Bat Mitzvahs did not yet exist), and confirmations, the long-awaited culmination of years of study for the senior class of boys and girls, where we wrote - and memorized - our speeches and participated in the service. For me, it was a great treat to be on the bimah, even though the year was 1967, June 10th to be exact, and the most important thing on everyone's mind that day was the Six-Day War.

And families saw each other at Town Hall or the synagogue for High Holiday services. In Town Hall, the "main service", where we filled the entire hall, the atmosphere was hushed, reverential and awe-inspiring; but outside in the lobbies, people were engaged in animated conversation, catching up with other members; the children, too, would immediately look for friends in far off seats and signal each other to coordinate when we would go out to the lobby to chat - but oh, so carefully, so that the adults around us, or, much worse, Cantor Hirsch, would not notice this behavior!

But we were family because we were different, too:

Despite the label of "German" attached to most of the older members these days, most of the adults were as different as those of us who call ourselves "American":

Some came from big cities, mostly in western Germany, like Mannheim, or Essen, or Nuremberg, while some came from smaller towns and villages.

Some came as children with their parents; some were torn from their parents at a very young age and left Germany on the Kindertransport; some left their parents behind as young adults, trying to survive in a new country by themselves; one member at least was on the St. Louis when it was denied entry to any safe haven in the Americas; some came as young marrieds; and some, like my parents, survived the Holocaust in Europe.

Some belonged to a "liberal" synagogue in Germany, like my mother in Frankfurt, where the organist was a very young, very talented "Martl" Sommer (who would later become Martha Hirsch, wife of Cantor Hirsch). Some came from a more secular or from a more orthodox background.

But despite the differences, and there were others, just like family, the similarities were more important.

The liturgy and the service, thanks to Rabbi Hahn and Cantor Hirsch, found a remarkable middle ground that everyone could accept; although some who were more observant might have had difficulty adjusting to a choir and organ (which was made up in part, in my childhood at least, of synagogue members), they would have found comfort in the fact that the service, except for the sermon, was almost entirely in Hebrew and that women wore head covering but were not called to the Torah (that last changed in the mid-1970s); and some of the rituals in Habonim services may have been an acknowledgement of who the members were - we all stood for the *Sh'ma*, I believe in respect for the watchword of our faith and in defiance of those who would have ended that faith, and we all stood for the Mourner's Kaddish, in recognition, I think, of the fact that every adult had lost many family members, whose *yahrzeits* were not always known.

The Sisterhood and the Brotherhood were very active and influential: the members of the Junior League had matured into members of the Mr. & Mrs. Club, which would soon disappear; some of them would go on to join the Sisterhood or Brotherhood. By the 1960s and 1970s, presidents of Brotherhood tended to be from Queens, including my father; presidents of Sisterhood were generally from Manhattan. Education and camaraderie were the common thread in both groups.

I think one way to sum up what Congregation Habonim meant in those days is this: Habonim was the place where the question, "Where do you come from?" did not mean "you are a foreigner, I want to know how to classify you." Rather, it meant, "I want to know if we know any of the same people, do we have a connection?" - which if they dug deep enough, I've found, they always did.

The kids, too, had a connection - mostly in what was taken for granted - we were Americans (in Queens, most of us were born here in the 1950s and 1960s, well after the war, while some of the older children in Manhattan had been born in Europe or in the 1940's, often resulting in a very different perspective); we took as a simple fact that our *continued on page 4*

A HISTORY OF HABONIM *continued from page 3* parents came from Europe, although we did not talk to each other or to our parents about their past; the accents, if they had any, were just a part of them.

Many of the remaining group of German members can be seen at the monthly Friday evening services in Queens or at high holiday services at the synagogue – while the bodies have aged somewhat, the common pasts as well as the differences still shine through in the long-shared traditions, in the similar histories, and, at least in Queens, in the Kaffe und Kuchen, coffee

and cake, and the comfortable conversations, of extended family members.

The history of a synagogue provides a window to what it is now and why, with the hope that it will inform the present and future. The founders of Habonim and their successors were well aware that the greatest mission for the synagogue was for it to survive and flourish in later generations. The installation of Rabbi Katzan as the new rabbi of Congregation Habonim opens a new chapter in the history of Habonim, one that would have made those who went before, very proud!

FROM OUR NURSERY SCHOOL STUDENTS - A BIG WELCOME TO RABBI JOSH!

We are so thrilled to add the formal welcome from the Nursery School to Rabbi Katzan. As PTA Co-chairs, we usually represent the parent body. Tonight, however, we are here representing the children.

Although we are officially installing Rabbi Katzan tonight, we can happily report that Rabbi Josh – as the children call him – has already installed himself into the hearts and psyches of our youngest congregants.

Rabbi Josh has quickly become a fixture in the children's experience of their most favorite set of rituals – the celebration of Shabbat. In fact, the students' enthusiasm for Shabbat often makes even their parents reconsider their own relationship with the holidays. Rabbi Josh has already tapped into this love the children have and has, in essence, become Shabbat for many of them – equating Shabbat with music, dance, friendship and love. He is silly yet spiritual; welcoming yet wise; jubilant and joyful all in one guitar playing, big-hearted, community-loving man – the children's uberteacher – the Nursery School's Rabbi Josh.

And, so, the nursery school thought it only fitting that we present Rabbi Katzan with a token of the children's love of Shabbat -- this Shabbat box. Our youngest students in the Yellow and Orange Rooms made the candlesticks and Kiddush cup; the Blue Room students made the Challah cover and the oldest students in the Purple and Red Rooms made the Tzedakah box and Kippah. Each student knowingly and lovingly participated in this school-wide project to welcome Rabbi Josh and show him all the things that help make Shabbat so meaningful to the children.

Rabbi, the children and teachers, staff and director of the nursery school join us in welcoming you to our community. We hope you will find ways to use this Shabbat box and when you do, feel the acceptance, appreciation and love of our children in each and every item inside.

Baruch HaBa...and Mazel Tov!

— Michele Gold and Allison Epstein
PTA Co-chairs

SISTERHOOD BOOK DISCUSSION

Do you love to read? Sisterhood is starting a new book discussion group, concentrating on books of Jewish interest, fiction or non-, as per members' interests. For our first meeting, *People of the Book*, by Geraldine Brooks, will be our subject.

A complex historical fiction, tracing the making and the journeys of a real Sephardic Haggadah, it covers centuries of Jewish history – the Inquisition, the Holocaust; et al - and several (fictional) personal stories in the process. The blurbs

found online were too lengthy to include in this article. Suffice to say, it was amazon.com's January 2008 book of the month.

We hope you'll join this new group and participate in its development. We'll start with a meeting in Manhattan, but we hope that there will be enough interest to run a parallel group in Queens soon. The first meeting is planned for Wednesday evening, January 7th. Please contact Amy Kargauer at (212)787-1516 or karwalkers@gmail.com for more information.

— Marianne Falkenstein

THE SISTERHOOD BRUNCH

A good time was had by all at the Sisterhood Brunch held on Sunday, November 16, 2008. Nearly 40 women came to meet and greet our speaker, Rabbi Joshua Katzan. We also took the opportunity to renew old acquaintances and meet new friends among our Sisterhood membership. Rabbi Katzan spoke on the fascinating subject of Jewish teachings on abortion. We studied what our tradition does and doesn't say, which led to a spirited Question and Answer session. On a lighter note, Sisterhood continued its tradition of singing when we get together for brunch – with Peggy Sarlin leading us in “You Gotta Have Heart” and Rabbi Katzan treating us to his own rendition of a few tunes from the Indigo Girls. The food was good and plentiful – all in all, a delightful event! Thanks to all who worked on making it so!

The Board of Directors of the Sisterhood of Congregation Habonim acknowledges with appreciation donations from the following members:

Cindy Asen
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THE ANNE HAHN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL WINTER TZEDAKAH INITIATIVE

Birthdays B'yachad
Tzedek, tzedek tirdof — Righteousness, righteousness you shall pursue

While this program being initiated by the Aenne Hahn Religious School the entire HABONIM COMMUNITY is invited to participate!

What?

B'yachad means “together”. *B'yachad*, we will have the opportunity to provide birthday celebrations for homeless adults and children by donating one of our holiday gifts to “Homes for the Homeless” (a family shelter).

Why?

Most shelters are unable to provide their residents with a birthday gift.

When?

- Contributions will be collected January 5 -16th. Please do not wrap your contribution(s). Contributions must be NEW items.
- Religious School participants will be sorting the items on January 20th. We are looking for a few parents to help with this. Please contact Sue Ellman (susan@theellmanfamily.com) to volunteer.
- “Homes for the Homeless” will pick everything up from Habonim (details to follow).
- January 26th and 27th we will culminate our efforts with a birthday celebration featuring cupcakes for everyone in honor of the families at “Homes for the Homeless”.

How?

Here are some suggestions:

- 1) Talk about this as a family. Here are some ideas to help guide you in your discussion:
 - *Tzedakah*, fulfilling acts of righteousness, is one of the most central teachings in Judaism.
 - The Torah teaches “*Tzedek, tzedek tirdof*” — righteousness, righteousness, you shall pursue.
 - The *Shema* teaches “*v'ahavtah l'reiacha kamocho*” — love thy friend (expanded to include neighbor, stranger and other) the way you love yourself.
- 2) Each member of the family can decide which Chanukah present he/she is willing to give to someone else as a birthday present.
- 3) Use the gift cards you receive and go to the store as a family to select present(s) to donate.
- 4) An alternative to donating a gift that was given to you: you might want to consider using some of the money from your *tzedakah* or your allowance to purchase the birthday gift.
- 5) Make a birthday card and attach it to your gift.

ALL CONTRIBUTIONS MUST BE NEW GIFTS (USED ITEMS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED)

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT:

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JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
December 28 Tevet 1 Chanukah: 8 Candles Rosh Chodesh Tevet	December 29 Tevet 2 Chanukah: 8th Day NS Closed (Winter Break) RS Closed (Winter Break) 7:00 NO Me'ah	December 30 Tevet 3 NS Closed (Winter Break) RS Closed (Winter Break)	December 31 Tevet 4 NS Closed (Winter Break) RS Closed (Winter Break)	January 1 Tevet 5 NO Me'ah NS Closed (Winter Break) OFFICE CLOSED - NEW YEAR'S DAY
January 4 Tevet 8 NO MINYAN	January 5 Tevet 9 RS classes resume	January 6 Tevet 10 Asara B'Tevet 6:00 Executive Committee Meeting 7:30 Sisterhood Board Meeting 7:30 Rosh Chodesh Group	January 7 Tevet 11 12:30 Talmud Study with Rabbi Warshauer 7:30 Sisterhood Book Club	January 8 Tevet 12 9:00 Imahot Group 12:30 Thursday Club
January 11 Tevet 15 9:30 Minyan (note schedule change)	January 12 Tevet 16 7:30 NS: Committee Meeting	January 13 Tevet 17 6:30 Board Meeting	January 14 Tevet 18	January 15 Tevet 19 9:00 Imahot Group 12:30 Thursday Club
January 18 Tevet 22	January 19 Tevet 23 MARTIN LUTHER KING BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCE BUSINESS OFFICE, NS and RS CLOSED	January 20 Tevet 24	January 21 Tevet 25 11:30 Talmud Study with Rabbi Lewis Warshauer 8:00 Adult Learning in Queens	January 22 Tevet 26 9:00 Imahot Group 12:30 Thursday Club 6:30 Ritual Committee Meeting 7:00 Me'ah
January 25 Tevet 29	January 26 Sh'vat 1 Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat 7:00 Me'ah	January 27 Sh'vat 2 7:30 Rosh Chodesh Group	January 28 Sh'vat 3	January 29 Sh'vat 4 9:00 Imahot Group 12:30 Thursday Club 7:00 Me'ah
February 1 Sh'vat 7 9:30 Minyan	February 2 Sh'vat 8 7:00 Me'ah	February 3 Sh'vat 9 9:00 Or haBoker (with Rabbi Phillips) 7:30 Sisterhood Board Meeting	February 4 Sh'vat 10	February 5 Sh'vat 11 9:00 Imahot Group 12:30 Thursday Club 7:00 Me'ah

TALMUD STUDY WITH RABBI LEWIS WARSHAUER

(January 7, 12:30pm & January 21, 11:30am)

We will continue our study of the first chapter of Tractate Berachot, using both the original Aramaic/Hebrew text and the English translation. All levels of learning are welcome!

WEDNESDAY MORNING HEBREW

Cantor Halev will be starting Beginner Hebrew at 9:00am on Wednesdays. Please contact him in the office at 212-787-5347, x17 or by email at cantorhalev@habonim.net

QUEENS COMMUNITY 2008-09

Shabbat Services

January 9	February 6
March 6	April 3
May 1	June 5

Adult Learning

January 21	February 18
March 18	May 13
June 10	

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Friday		Saturday	
January 2 Tevet 6 NS Closed (Winter Break) HABONIM OFFICE CLOSED 4:21 Candle lighting NO TOT SHABBAT Kabbalat Shabbat @ 6:30pm	January 3 Tevet 7 Parashat Vayigash Shabbat Services @ 9:30am 9:30 B/M of Rina Pesner 10:45 TT/MM 12:30 NO BEIT MIDRASH SCHEDULED 5:30 pm Shabbat ends		
January 9 Tevet 13 4:28 Candle lighting 5:00 Tot Shabbat Kabbalat Shabbat @ 6:30pm lay-led Service 8:30 Shabbat Service in Queens	January 10 Tevet 14 Parashat Vayechi Shabbat Services @ 9:30am B/M of David Millstein 10:45 TT/MM/JC RS: Midreshet Habonim (Vav) 12:30 BEIT MIDRASH: Dr. David Richter 5:37 Shabbat ends		
January 16 Tevet 20 4:36 Candle lighting Kabbalat Shabbat @ 6:30pm	January 17 Tevet 21 Parashat Shemot Shabbat Services @ 9:30am Gutter Family Baby Naming 10:45 TT/MM 12:30 BEIT MIDRASH: Neil Goldstein 5:45 Shabbat ends		
January 23 Tevet 27 4:44 Candle lighting Kabbalat Shabbat @ 6:30pm	January 24 Tevet 28 Parashat Vaera Shabbat Services @ 9:30am 9:30 B/M of Brian Cord 10:45 TT/MM/JC 12:30 BEIT MIDRASH: Larry Jacobsberg 4:00 Havdalah Service 5:53 Shabbat ends		
January 30 Sh'vat 5 4:52 Candle lighting Kabbalat Shabbat @ 6:30pm followed by Family Dinner	January 31 Sh'vat 6 Parashat Bo Shabbat Services @ 9:30am 9:30 B/M of Martin Feuerstein-Mendik 10:45 TT/MM 12:30 BEIT MIDRASH: Robert Goldmann 6:01 Shabbat ends		
February 6 Sh'vat 12 5:00 Tot Shabbat 5:01 Candle lighting Kabbalat Shabbat @ 6:30pm lay-led Service 8:30 Shabbat Service in Queens	February 7 Sh'vat 13 Parashat Beshalach Shabbat Services @ 9:30am with Kitah Vav Leading the Service 10:45 TT/MM 6:10 Shabbat ends 7:00 NS Fundraiser: Casino Night / Auction		

JANUARY BEIT MIDRASH

JANUARY 3- NOT SCHEDULED

JANUARY 10- DR. DAVID RICHTER
"Two Deaths, an Ending and a Beginning"

JANUARY 17-NEIL GOLDSTEIN
"Honoring Your Father and Your Mother"

JANUARY 24-LARRY JACOBSBERG
"The Wisdom of the Founders: Rabbi Hugo Hahn finds 'Satan Among Us' "

JANUARY 31-ROBERT GOLDMANN
TOPIC: "Jews in Germany: Missing An Opportunity".

*TT=Torah for Tots MM=Mini Minyan JC=Junior Congregation

NEW WEBSITE FOR TIKVOT, OUR CHARITY IN ISRAEL

Tikvot has launched a new website. Please check it out and learn more about where your generous funds go. You'll see photos and stories of Asael Shabo, who visited Habonim this year. The website is at www.tikvot.org.za

MAZEL TOV

Mark, Melanie, Daniel, Matthew and Corey on Daniel becoming Bar Mitzvah
Rachel Bickhardt, Robert & Rina Pesner on Rina becoming Bat Mitzvah

Please consider giving to Habonim's annual Inwood House Drive

Inwood House is a leader and innovator in teen pregnancy prevention, Inwood House is dedicated to helping young people become self-reliant, healthy adults. We help teens take charge of their lives by:

- 1) Facilitating the development of the knowledge, skills, and self-esteem needed to set life goals, make responsible decisions, and avoid teenage pregnancy
- 2) Providing a continuum of care for pregnant and parenting teens in foster care that builds on their strengths and moves them toward self-sufficiency
- 3) Being a source of hope, guidance and opportunity

The Inwood House Drive will take place at Habonim from January 12 - January 15, 2009 in the upstairs lobby.

Please drop off no later than 4pm on Thursday January 15th

Inwood House will accept the following items:

Baby monitors, baby carriers, bassinets, car seats, strollers, bouncers, cribs, high chairs, exersaucers, playpens, gates, safety items, all clothing (including maternity clothes), educational toys (must have all parts). **NO STUFFED ANIMALS PLEASE.**

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CONDOLENCES

Habonim mourns the loss of our long-time congregant, Meta Kahn who passed away on December 22. We extend condolences to her sister-in-law Marianne Kent.

To member Stephen Lewin on the death of his cousin, Jonathan Loew.

To Tracy Hattem on the death of her uncle, John Barbarino

To Richard Verner & Janet Hellering on the death of Richard's mother, Janet Verner