



RS Rap

Rabbi Laurie Phillips

“It is impossible to believe that another year is coming to a close. It feels like our opening session was just a few weeks ago, not ten months ago.

So much has happened this year and we have a lot for which we can be proud.

Here is a recap of a few of the amazing accomplishments the RS PROGRAM has experienced (feel free to hum the melody “How do you measure a year” from the Broadway musical RENT):

1. 137 participants enrolled in our program - and we are continuing to grow!
2. 25 Gan participants – our biggest group to date!
3. TWO (outstanding) educators for every group who have created a warm, safe and caring environment where everyone can explore openly.
4. Launch of the Tz’irim(teen) program with 21 participants enrolled.
5. Chanukah celebration facilitated by the Tz’irim at the Jewish Home and Hospital.
6. “Rosh Chodesh – It’s a Girl (and Boy) Thing” program launched with our Hei and Vav groups (combined)
7. Collecting over 150 presents as part of our BIRTHDAYS B’YACHAD program
8. Contributing over \$136.00 to AJWS for relief efforts in Haiti
9. Passover scavenger hunt
10. Walls plastered with incredibly thoughtful and visually impressive work by every RS cohort
11. Shabbat morning service led entirely by our Vav group (and there are only six participants).
12. Yom Ha’atzmaut program facilitated by our Hei group.
13. LAUGHTER, LOVE AND LEARNING!

As the 2009-2010 programming year comes to a close I want to take this opportunity to thank Rebecca Elkus, Assistance Director of Education, Youth and Family programming and the entire RS staff for their endless energy, effort and commitment. It is because of them that I am able to do my job so fully.

Thank you to the parents and the participants too! It is such a privilege to be a part of this community and an honor to be part of the journey.

Now, enough about the past – have you registered for the 2010-2011 programming year?

Looking Forward to Seeing Everyone on May 15th and May 23rd:

MAY 15th - A Very Special Shabbat Honoring:

- Our Rs Staff – Educators And Ozrim (Teen Assistants),
- B’nai Mitzvah Coaches
- Youth Family Service Leaders
- B’nai Mitzvah From 5/2009-5/8/2010
- Committee members

May 23rd - Annual “Tzedek Run” – a day of doing acts of righteousness for others

B’chavod – with respect and gratitude,
 Rabbi LP

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Please inform the Habonim office of all Life Cycle events in your family: Births, Deaths, Anniversaries, Awards, Promotions and any other joyous occasion. Contact April Reubenstone at ext. 13 – areubenstone@habonim.net

Shavuot Services

Wednesday May 19, 9:30AM
with Choir and Organ

Thursday May 20, 9:30AM
with Yizkor

Let Your Voice Be Heard

Dear Members,

During the next few weeks, members of Habonim's Board of Trustees will be calling to "reach out and check in." The purpose is to elicit your thoughts about Habonim – what you like and any suggestions you may have to grow Habonim in a meaningful way. So, please help us – answer the call or return it, if you were not home. We need your input to help us plan for next year with your interests at the forefront of our decision-making.

Many thanks,
Saul Sanders, *President*

Mazal Tov

To Saul Sanders on his election as Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies

To Bill Taubenfeld on his election to the Masorti Foundation Board.

To Jenifer, Mark and Ellie Salzberg on the arrival of their son and brother on March 30th.

To Rebecca, Craig and Jonah Baron on the arrival of their son and brother on April 9th.



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Youth Scoop...

From Rebecca

The year is cycling down but unlike in racing, we don't believe in gradual "cool downs." We are busy until the very last second so that we can squeeze in all the FUN and EXCITEMENT before you head off for the summer.

Music, good food and friends-what could be better??? *RSVP to Joanne Tuckman at jtuckman@fbird.com by 5/14.*

On Sunday, June 6th Haveirim@Habonim and Tz'irim youth groups will travel to SIX FLAGS theme park to enjoy a day of activities! Be sure to reserve your space on the bus! *RSVP to relkus@habonim.net today!*

MAY/JUNE HIGHLIGHTS:

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME! Haveirim@Habonim/Tz'irim are going to the Yankees game on **Sunday, May 2nd.**

During the week of May 10th we will celebrate the success of our **2009-2010 RS programming year!** I'd like to extend a hearty YISHAR KOACH to our Tz'irim (teens) for a wonderful first year! We are looking forward to next year's Tz'irim program and participation from our current Zayin cohort.

On **Shabbat morning, May 15th** we will honor our AMAZING RS educators, b'nai mitzvah coaches, youth service leaders, ozrim (educator helpers), our committee members and all of our May 2009-May 8 2010 b'nai mitzvah. *Please bring your family to this community simcha at 9:30 AM. A special Kiddush will follow.*

Bring Shabbat in with Habonim at our **FINAL FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICE & DINNER on May 21st at 6:30 PM.**

TZEDEK RUN - DO A "LITTLE GOOD":

Rabbi Hillel taught, "Don't separate yourself from the community..." (Pirke Avot 2:4). At a time when so many of us are consumed with the tasks of our daily lives, it is important for us to take time out of our schedules to do a "little good." **On Sunday, May 23 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Habonim will hold its annual Tzedek Run** (day of doing mitzvot) around NYC. Events will be held both onsite at Habonim as well as off-site. Whether you have 30 minutes or two hours to give on that day, please join us in doing a "little good" because it goes a long way! *For more information, please visit www.habonim.net.*

It is an honor and a privilege to be part of such a wonderful kehilah. Wishing you and your families a safe and enjoyable summer. I look forward to seeing you around the City this summer and when we return in the fall.

Rebecca

Nursery School News

Cindy Grebow

April marked a special milestone for the Nursery School - our Bar Mitzvah! After months of planning led by current Nursery School parent Michele Gold and former Nursery School parent Larry Botel, and with the help of Rabbi Katzan, Rabbi Phillips, Cantor Halev, and many other Nursery School parents, we celebrated the 13th year of the school with a special Shabbat morning service and Kiddush on April 24th.

Current Nursery School students as well as former students participated in the service, along with current and former parents, and the Bimah was beautifully decorated with flowers made by all of the children in our school. It was truly wonderful to see so many of our former students and their parents on this special day--to think back to their days in our school and to imagine, through them, how our current students will grow.

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY MAY 8, 10:45AM

YAD B'YAD FAMILY SERVICE (OFF-SITE)

First Church (68th Street & Central Park West)

TUESDAY MAY 11, 7:00 PM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY MAY 15, 9:30AM

A VERY SPECIAL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SHABBAT

See details in Rabbi Laurie Phillip's lead article

FRIDAY MAY 21, 6:30PM

FAMILY SERVICE & DINNER

SUNDAY MAY 23, 9:00AM - 4:00PM

HABONIM TZEDEK RUN 2010

see details in Rebecca's article on page 3

MONDAY MAY 31, 7:30pm

COMMUNITY-WIDE MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

see details in Rabbi Katzan's article on this page

SATURDAY JUNE 19, 9:30 AM

SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

see details on this page

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 20

ANNUAL GALA EVENING

Join us in honoring two pillars of our community,
Saul and Mary Sanders

Community-Wide Memorial Day Ceremony

Congregation Habonim is once again proud to be a co-sponsor of the Third Annual Council of Young Jewish Presidents Memorial Day Ceremony set to take place on Monday, May 31st at 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Kehillat Jeshurun, located at 125 East 85th Street. This ceremony, aimed at honoring those who have given their lives in defense of our country, will feature Medal of Honor Recipient Col. Jack Jacobs as the keynote, a candle lighting ceremony with family members of men and woman who were killed in action, a choir performance, and a post-ceremony action center where guests are invited to write letters and send packages to serve members abroad. In its first year, the event 250 people and last year drew a crowd of 400.

Please join us again this year in helping to make this event a great success.

Rabbi Joshua Katzan

June 19th is Sisterhood Shabbat

All Habonim congregants and friends are invited to attend the annual Sisterhood Shabbat service to be held this year on Saturday June 19th. At this inspiring service Sisterhood members, some for the first time and others for the second, third, or fourth time, chant Torah and Haftarah and lead different components of the Shabbat service. Over the past few years an increasing number of congregants have made a commitment to work with Cantor Halev to learn Torah and Haftarah trop and to participate in Sisterhood Shabbat. We encourage new congregants to explore this special learning opportunity in the future.

Following the Shabbat service, please join us for a celebratory Kiddush lunch.

May 2010 — Iyar/Sivan 5770

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<p>1 9:30am -- Morning Service Celebrating the B/M of Bessie Stamm 10:45am — K'tanim ~ Nitzanim ~ G'dolim 12:30pm — Beit Midrash: Larry Frankel of JNF</p>
<p>2 9:30am — Minyan 10:00am Yav Rommemu #9 12:00pm Haveirim@Habonim / Tz'irim - Yankee's Game</p>	<p>3 8:00pm — Taking A Deep Look Inside Israel with Prof. Gilbert Kahn</p>	<p>4 9:00am — Or haboker</p>	<p>5 4:00pm — Board Meeting (via conference call) 7:00pm — Rosh Chodesh (off-site)</p>	<p>6 NS CLOSED (Teacher Professional Day)</p>	<p>7 8:45am — Bagel Breakfast for NS Parents with Rabbi Katzan 5:00pm — Tot Shabbat 6:30pm — Lay-led Kabbalat Shabbat Service 8:15pm — Shabbat Service in Queens</p>	<p>8 9:30am -- Morning Service Celebrating the B/M Julia Nagar and Kaufman Family Baby Naming 10:45am — Yav B'yad Family Service (off-site) 12:30pm — Beit Midrash: Ken Gordon</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>10 RS LAST DAY (Vav/Zayin groups)</p>	<p>11 RS LAST DAY (Gan/Aleph/Bet groups) 9:00am — Or haboker 7:00pm — Annual Board meeting</p>	<p>12 RS LAST DAY (Gimmel/Dalet/Hei groups)</p>	<p>13 7:00pm — NS New Parent's Get-Together</p>	<p>14 8:45am — RS information session for NS Parents 6:30pm — Kabbalat Shabbat Service</p>	<p>15 9:30am -- Morning Service Honoring the RS Staff and Ozrim, B/M Coaches, members of the RS Committee and B'nei Mitzvah 5/2009 — 5/8/2010 10:45am — K'tanim ~ Nitzanim ~ G'dolim 12:30pm — Beit Midrash: Josh Teplitsky of NYU</p>
<p>16 1:30pm — Sisterhood: Rare Jewish Books Presentation (at JTS)</p>	<p>17 7:30pm — NS Committee meeting</p>	<p>18 EREV SHAVUOT NS: early closing 9:00am — Or haboker</p>	<p>19 SHAVUOT I 9:30am — Shavuot Service with Choir and Organ</p>	<p>20 SHAVUOT II 9:30am — Shavuot Service with Yizkor</p>	<p>21 6:30pm — Yav B'yad Family Shabbat Service and Dinner</p>	<p>22 9:30am -- Morning Service Celebrating the B/M of Jack Chaiken 10:45am — K'tanim ~ Nitzanim ~ G'dolim 12:30pm — Beit Midrash — Rabbi Katzan</p>
<p>23 9:00am — Annual Tzedek Run</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 9:00am — Or haboker</p>	<p>26 7:30pm -- Sisterhood Book Club: "Three Cups of Tea" 8:15pm — Adult Education in Queens with Rabbi Katzan</p>	<p>27 12:00pm — Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Phillips</p>	<p>28 6:30pm — Kabbalat Shabbat Service</p>	<p>29 9:30am -- Morning Service 10:45am — K'tanim ~ Nitzanim ~ G'dolim 12:30pm — NO Beit Midrash</p>
<p>30</p>	<p>31 MEMORIAL DAY NS / ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED</p>			<p>ADULT PROGRAMMING Adina Rifkin 212.787.5347, x10 arifkin@habonim.net</p>	<p>YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAMMING Rebecca Elkus 212.787.5347, x14 relkus@habonim.net</p>	<p>NS PROGRAMMING Roy Ramsey 212.787.5347, x16 rramsey@habonim.net</p>