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**SUMMER IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER**

IT'S NOT TOO LATE to make your summer plans. Camp Ben Frankel has spots open for campers entering 1<sup>st</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grade, with lots of new and exciting programming. The camp session this year is June 19<sup>th</sup> - July 17th, 2011. . Please call or email me about discounts and scholarships.

A scenic waterfront, fully equipped infirmary, and kosher kitchen provide our campers with a safe and nurturing environment for campers to experience nature and create lifelong friendships while part of our special Jewish community. Located at SIU Touch of Nature in Carbondale, IL, Camp Ben Frankel is the perfect place for Jewish children in grades 1-10 to experience an intimate and strongly Jewish atmosphere while creating friendships and memories that will last a lifetime. Campers come home proud and more knowledgeable about their heritage. Spirited Kabbalat Shabbat and delicious Shabbat dinners are just a few of the things that make Shabbat at Camp Ben Frankel unforgettable.

We currently have 11 new children coming to camp this year, who have either never been to CBF or were not there last year.

We are growing the program, however, I appeal to all of you within the reach of this newsletter to help us with Camp Ben Frankel.

There are many ways you can help:

- 1) Help us recruit campers (we pay \$50.00 for every camper someone recruits to the camp).
- 2) Sponsor a camper who otherwise could not afford to go to camp.
- 3) Provide scholarship funds for the general scholarship pool.
- 4) Help get me a face to face recruitment presentation at your local religious school or Jewish Community Center.
- 5) Talk up the camp to all the people you know within your community.

Camp Ben Frankel has been in existence for 62 years, giving campers a sense of Jewish pride and Jewish identity all within a safe and friendly environment. It is run by your Federation of Southern Illinois. Please help us keep a Jewish camp in Southern Illinois available for our kids for future generations. Thank you to all that have helped are helping and will be helping us in the future.

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# WHAT ARE WE COMMEMORATING ON MEMORIAL DAY?

BY ASSAF GRUMBERG

Israelis are well known travelers. So was I in the years after my army service, and so were my friends. Culture shock is always part of the arrival into a new place, into a new culture, but one thing that was shared amongst all of us was Memorial Day. Every country has one, commemorating certain events in history. Different countries mention it in different ways but in my many travels around the world I learned that Israeli Memorial Day is just different.

Stop for a second and think of last May 31<sup>st</sup> (last Memorial Day). Reflect on things that you did that day. Many Americans will not include sirens, ceremonies and visiting cemeteries in that list. But for me and for most other Israelis with or without military history in their past, Memorial Day means precisely that.

Maccabi Tel Aviv, the famous Israeli basketball team and one of Europe's best, qualified to the Final four of the

European league. This is not the first time obviously, but this year is special, because if the team wins the first game they may need to play on the eve of Memorial Day. The public in Israel is raging at this possibility. The team had tried to change the time of the game and even the date, and wasn't too successful. There's an option that if they get to the finals they will not play. Yes, they won't show up to the final match. The way Memorial Day is marked in Israel is emotional, compelling and noble. But ultimately, this is a unique and unusual way to say the least. It caused European basketball officials to go into shock when they heard the reason why the team might not show up for the game.

For me, Memorial Day is difficult, a day which I spend reflecting on stories of those who are gone. Some served with me, some went to my high school, some lived in my neighborhood, some I knew and some I didn't, but I feel connected to their stories. As Israel is such a small country, it's difficult to find someone who is not connected in some way to the "bereaved family." So for us, it's not just a national day, but a day of an entire nation.



*When the siren sounds on Memorial Day in Israel, the whole country stops for two minutes.*

## GO GROCERY SHOPPING AND HELP YOUR SYNAGOGUE!

Feel like giving more to Congregation Beth Jacob? Now you can give donations to the Temple without doing anything extra...

all you have to do is go shopping!

1. Go to Schnucks and request a Schnucks eScrip Customer Card
2. Activate your card by calling 1-800-931-6258 or visit [www.escrip.com/schnucks.jsp](http://www.escrip.com/schnucks.jsp) (Congregation Beth Jacob: Group # 500020058)
3. Present your card to the cashier every time you shop at Schnucks
4. The more you shop, the higher the contribution! (up to 3% of your purchase amount)



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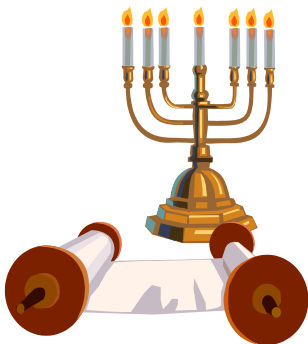
# COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

## HISTORIC TREASURES FOUND

It's not every day that we at the Jewish Federation decide to have a cleaning day and go through the dozens of boxes kept in our storage rooms, but that day has come.

In a complex operation, we searched every room and every cabinet and found many treasures: prayer and religious study books, Sunday school books and maps, religious and cultural records, VHS tapes and pictures from our community which go all the way to the beginning of the last century, Passover and Shabbat dishes and clothes, Bima covers and Torah scroll covers, candle sticks and menorahs (from small to big).

We have found so many wonderful things that are part of our history and legacy, but we do not have room to continue storing all of it. If you would like to take a look at some of our discoveries or would like to give them a new home, please contact Debra at the Federation office (debra@simokyfed.com or 618-235-1614). Thank you!

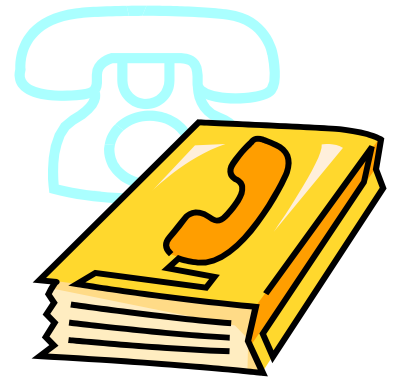


## DIRECTORY UPDATES

Friends and Fellow Community Members,

As you know, we have been working on updating our Federation Directory over the past few months. Thank you for the time you took to review and correct your listing in the Federation Directory. The draft of the directory is currently posted on our website at [www.simokyfed.com](http://www.simokyfed.com). Please take a moment to find your listing in the document and verify its accuracy. If you find an error or would like to make an additional change please email the information to [debra@simokyfed.com](mailto:debra@simokyfed.com). Printing of the 2011 Federation Directory is planned for June 2011. Thank you for your continued support.

Best Regards,  
Burton Zwick



## MAZEL TOV

Mazel Tov to Sandor & Carol Korein on the marriage of their granddaughter, Valerie Pritchett to Eric Miller. Valerie is the daughter of former Federation members Stanley and Susan (Korein) Pritchett, of Denver, Colorado. The wedding took place on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at the Marriott at Maryville Center.

## CONDOLENCES

Condolences to the family of Mark Goldenberg of Granite City on the death of his sister, Cathy Sue Cassidy. Graveside memorial services were held on Wed. May 25, 2011 at Chesed Shel Emeth Cemetery in St. Louis.

## TODAH RABBAH

Our Office Manager Debra Vahlkamp recently spent some time in the hospital. She was overwhelmed by the support from the community and would like to thank the Board of Directors and everyone else who sent flowers, cards, good wishes, and phone calls during her two-week hospital stay. She truly appreciates everyone's care and concern!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## TEMPLE ISRAEL, ALTON

**May 20, 2011**

**7 pm**

Shabbat Services conducted by Rabbi Jay Goldberg

**June 17, 2011**

**7 pm**

Shabbat Services conducted by Rabbi Jay Goldberg

## TEMPLE ISRAEL, PADUCAH

**June 3, 2011**

**6 pm**

Congregational Meeting & potluck,  
with Rabbi Jonathan Cohen

**June 4, 2011**

**10 am**

Adult Education facilitated by Rabbi Jonathan Cohen

## SHAVUOT

JUNE 8-9, 2011

Seven weeks after the second day of Passover, we celebrate the holiday of Shavuot, also known as the Festival of First Fruits or the Festival of the Giving of the Torah. Shavuot is one of the three harvest festivals (the others being Sukkot and Passover). Some traditions for Shavuot include reading the Book of Ruth, staying up all night studying, and eating dairy.

## CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE DOUGH CHEESECAKE

### Crust

3/4 cups chocolate wafer crumbs

1/4 cup sugar

1/3 cup butter, melted

### Filling

(8 ounce) packages cream cheese, softened

1 cup sugar

3 eggs

1 cup sour cream

1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

package refrigerated chocolate chip cookie dough (refrigerator section)

mini chocolate chips



שבועות

In a small bowl, combine cookie crumbs and sugar, stir in butter. Press into the bottom and sides of a greased 9" springform pan, set aside.

In a mixing bowl, beat cream cheese, sugar until smooth. Add eggs, beat until combined. Add sour cream and vanilla, beat until well blended. Pour over crust, set aside.

Cut up cookie dough into teaspoon sized cubes. Drop over filling, pushing below the surface.

Bake at 350F for 45-55 minutes or until the center is almost set. Cool on a wire rack for 10 minutes. Run a knife around the edge of the pan to loosen. Cool 1 hour longer. Refrigerate overnight, remove sides of pan. Sprinkle with mini chocolate chips.

# IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO ATTEND CAMP BEN FRANKEL THIS SUMMER!

And here's why you should:

- It will be tons of fun!
- It is a great chance to make new friends.
- Your child will have the chance to experience a completely Jewish community.
- Jewish camping gives your child the opportunity to explore his/her own Judaism.
- Jewish camping connects your child to the land of Israel and its people.
- Jewish camping helps your child feel more connected to his/her Jewish roots.
- Children who attend Jewish camps are excited to be Jewish. Children experience all the same kinds of fun they would experience at a secular camp, while embracing their Judaism.
- Children who attend Jewish camps are more likely to become leaders in their Jewish communities and support their local synagogues and Jewish federations.

LOOK AT HOW MUCH FUN  
EVERYONE IS HAVING!





## 32ND ANNUAL ST. LOUIS SENIOR OLYMPICS

The Jewish Community Center in St. Louis is proud to host the St. Louis Senior Olympics each year over Memorial Day Weekend (May 26-31, 2011). A chance for adults over age 50 to compete in competitive sports and participate in social events, the Olympics includes a wide variety of events—from the usual track and field, tennis, and cycling, to the more unusual shuffleboard, horseshoes, and bowling. Check out the schedule of events at [www.stlouisseniorolympics.org](http://www.stlouisseniorolympics.org), and take a trip to St. Louis over Memorial Day Weekend to have some fun!

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