

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Shalom to all our friends and family, as we've become like family one to another. Many of us have given up much to become a member of our Church and this great Gospel of Christ, our Messiah. We have added and not taken away from our great heritage.

Another year has gone by and much is happening all around us. The Mormon Tabernacle Choir going to Israel and bringing such joy there. Many of us Jewish converts have great joy in our hearts as the coming together is happening in the Lord's time, and the many events that are happening in these last days. Temple work is going forth for our people and families, and there is a softening of the hearts of many of our relatives. We can all feel and see what is happening at this special time in the world and we all are a part of it.

May we live worthy to do His will; the Lord needs His people, all the saints in His church, to do a great work in His time and it is now. This is the time the prophets of old spoke about, and we are a part of it.

May the Lord bless each and every one of you, as we go forth and carry out His work.

Your sister in the Gospel,
Elissa Molling
President of B'nai Shalom

B'NAI SHALOM (CHILDREN OF PEACE)

Membership is open to all members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints interested in promoting the objectives of the organization, whether or not such persons are of Jewish ancestry.

Objectives of this organization shall be carried on within the framework of existing L.D.S. programs, and are as follows:

- A. To promote the faith and activity of Jewish members in the Church.
- B. To encourage, assist and promote Jewish genealogical research and temple work among the House of Israel.
- C. To promote greater understanding of Jewish culture, traditions, and attitudes through an organized educational program.
- D. To offer assistance in all authorized L.D.S. Church programs oriented towards Jewish people.
- E. To engage in other activities deemed appropriate in carrying out objectives of the organization.

In order to cover basic costs of keeping in touch with you, such as the newsletter, phone bills and postage, members are requested to donate \$2 per person or \$5 per family to B'Nai Shalom c/o Gwen Bardsley. Her number is 374-2371.

DECEMBER 1992 MORMON TABERNACLE
CHOIR VISIT TO ISRAEL

The visit to Israel by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and their spouses was fantastic.

The Choir had the privilege of making a music video at the Garden Tomb, the Mount of Olives, the Mount of Beatitudes by the Sea of Galilee, and on Shepherds Hill, overlooking Bethlehem. The privilege of singing to the people of Israel was a thrilling experience for both the Choir and the audience.

Some of the comments made after the concerts were:

"There are not words, there will never be words. It has been the most transcending experience of my life."

"It was beautiful. It was magnificent. It was velvet."

"The Heavens were open, the angels were singing."

"I sat next to God tonight."

After the Choir's last concert, which was in Jerusalem, **Teddy Kolleck, the Mayor of Jerusalem,** said to them, "The feeling I feel is indescribable. Thank you very, very much!" Then he said, "I don't have the words to express my gratitude; the Symphony and you were a good combination."

Teddy Kolleck said again, "I have no expression to say 'Thank you. Thank you, Elder Faust, please tell the First Presidency 'Thank you for letting the Choir come.'"

Brother Faust then said to the Choir, "It is because of Teddy Kolleck that you are here. He came over to the Jerusalem Center and offered a verbal invitation to the Choir in February; from then on, this has happened."

As you can tell, the Choir

and all of us that went were well accepted. We all came back with grateful hearts to be a part of this historic tour. This tour surely put something into my heart that wasn't there before. The scriptures have more powerful meaning to me after visiting the Holy Land, a land where the Savior once was born, lived, and died, and surely lives again. I know He lives and loves all of us, His children, individually.

Gwen Y. Bardsley
Secretary

MUSIC & DANCE NIGHT

Dear B'Nai Shalom!

Set aside Friday, July 9 from 6:30 p.m. on! We'll have a delicious potluck, with Jewish music and dances afterward. Come share the fantastic food & fun and teach those of us who may not know the songs & dances.

We'll meet at Elissa's place (376 S 1065 W, Orem). Bring your favorite dish.

Your music person,
Christina Heath

RSVP to Elissa: 224-5355

B'NAI SHALOM HISTORY

We are looking to compile a history of B'Nai Shalom and some sort of scrapbook. If you have pictures, historical information, stories, old newsletters, or anything along those lines, we'd greatly appreciate it if you get in touch with Elissa and share it. Which brings up another point. We need a B'Nai Shalom Historian so Elissa doesn't have to do all the work! If you're interested in helping out, please let her know.

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN HEBREW?

We have found someone willing to teach Hebrew to a group of us. Her name is Holly Smith. She is very qualified, having studied at the Hebrew University and taught Hebrew to Russian immigrants to Israel, at the Jerusalem Center, at the U, and at the Y.

We will start with modern Hebrew, with the possibility of going on to biblical Hebrew later. We need at least 15 people in order to have the class, so please sign up! We can meet every week or every other week. It will cost \$2 per person per hour.

Sister Smith is willing to travel, so we can have separate classes in both Salt Lake City and Utah Valley, as long as there are 15 people in each one.

For more information call Elissa at 224-5355.

OCTOBER MEETING OF B'NAI SHALOM

Cleon Skousen will be the speaker at our meeting on October 1. We will meet 7:30 p.m. at the chapel at 2350 S 2100 E in Salt Lake City. Bring your favorite treats for refreshments.

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A B'NAI SHALOM CAMPOUT!

Would you like to go camping with some of your friends from B'Nai Shalom? If you would, give Elissa a call. Her phone number has already appeared a couple of times in this newsletter, so I won't list it again. We're thinking of camping somewhere up American Fork Canyon on 30-31 July. Let us know what you think.

SERVE YOUR PEOPLE, YE HOUSE OF ISRAEL

Jewish Saints have a difficult time locating their personal genealogy, due to the lack of records and the deaths of so many during the Holocaust. We have a responsibility, in fact an obligation, towards our ancestors. Because so many European Jewish families were completely wiped out, there remain few to do genealogical research. As members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints we understand the importance of genealogy. If we will volunteer our time to aid Israel beyond the veil, possibly the Lord will remember and aid us in our search for our personal ancestors.

Jewish Genealogical Files & Research
Contact Barbara Shpack at 489-7676.



SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

FRIDAY OCTOBER 1, 1993 7:30 P.M.

Guest Speaker: Cleon Skousen
What are the prospects for Israel now?

Parley's First Ward
(Scout House Building
in rear of Chapel)
2350 S. 2100 E.
SLC, Utah

Directions: Off I-80 at 13th E.
North to 21st S. go to 21st E.
turn right, parking lot by tennis
courts next to Scout House.

POT LUCK REFRESHMENTS

(Bring your favorite treat)

If your interested in Hebrew lessons contact:
Zona Landau in SLC at 582-5356 or
Elissa Molling in Provo/Orem at 224-5355

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