

## JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES

### Mazel Tov to the Sunrise Nishei Mitzvah Class

Making the 6 o'clock local news might be enough for most of us but not for the ladies of Sunrise. No, their Anshei Mitzvah went national. Their story appeared on CNN and MSNBC in addition to local television channels. Their story also made front page news in the Sunday Observer as well as the Raleigh News and Observer.

In case you missed it, six senior ladies from Sunrise Assisted Living ranging in age from 79 to 100, culminated months of study to become adult Bat Mitzvahs. Denied the opportunity in their youth, on August 21, surrounded

by family members and friends, they proudly claimed this important spiritual milestone as senior Nishei Mitzvah in a service and luncheon held at Temple Israel and officiated by community clergy, Rabbis Judy Schindler, Micah Streiffer, Murray Ezring and Cantor Elias Roochvag. The ladies were presented with tallit, flowers and certificates. The program was created and implemented by Bea Gibbs, senior outreach specialist for Jewish Family Services. Barbara Feld taught the



Maddie Ecker and Rachel Udelson, the teaching assistants, surround the class instructor, Barbara Feld.



The Nishei Mitzvah receive their tallitot from their children.

Hebrew and prayers. The Nishei Mitzvahs are Edith Englander, Ray Fagin, Bella Goldin, Frances Gottheim, Estelle Lieb, Ann Pruzan. Our entire community

joins in saluting them on this amazing accomplishment. ☆



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### Donations to Jewish Family Services in August 2009

#### MAZEL TOV TO

The Anshei Mitzvah participants from Norman Steinberger, Audrey Madans

The wedding of Kara Silverstein, daughter of Gary and Maxine Silverstein, from Ellen and Shel Goldstein

The bar mitzvah of Nathan Brenner from Alyssa Fischer, Mara Michel

The bat mitzvah of Edith Englander from your affectionate friend of over 60 years Rose Naiman

The engagement and marriage of the son of Judi and Leonard Strause from Alvin and Rachel Goodman

The marriage of Brenda and Floyd Patten's son from Jill and Ed Newman,

The new granddaughter of David and Janet Lefkowitz from Ollie and Sam Polk

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Lois Schneider from Renee and

Michael Flash, Florence Jaffa, Marilyn and Mike Tuckman, Fern Sanderson, Linda and Samuel Levy, Harriet and Barney Weinstock, Lewis and Janice Fisher, Mary and Les Gordan, Paula Klein

Helen Drucker from Bea Gibbs, Audrey Madans

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Gloria Ershler from Celia Mandel

Stan Grey from Marion and David Kronovet

Marty Husney from Alan and Madeline Aron, Marion and David Kronovet

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#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

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#### IN MEMORY OF

Gerald Sinkoe, father of Louis Sinkoe, husband of Fay Sinkoe, from Sheila and Jerry Fisher, Abe and Bette Bober, Alvin Levine, Beth Folic, Ellen and Shel Goldstein, Eugene Schaffer, Florence Jaffa, Harriet and Mark Perlin, Marion and David Kronovet, Myron and Joan Kaufman, Ruth Hannes and family, Maxine and Gary Silverstein, Ruth and Alan Goldberg, Anne and Bob Yudell

Glenn Fishkin's father from Marci and Phillip Goldberg

Jules Buxbaum, father of Beth Rose Oxman, from Alvin Levine, Anne and Bob Yudell, Cecile Rose, Florence Jaffa, Harriet and Mark Perlin, Harry and Marilyn Swimmer, Joy Buxbaum Simon, Lee and Alan Blumenthal, Marcelle and Allan Oxman, Marilyn and Mike Tuckman, Wilma Saly, Doris Citron

Roy Dermack, beloved husband, father and grandfather from Julie and Andrew Dermack

Donna Levin from Alvin and Rachel Goodman, Audrey Madans, Mark and Harriet Perlin

Edith Cabot from Alvin and Rachel Goodman

Esther Frank from Frances and Ron Liss

Eugene Martin Goldberg from Richard J. Joyce, Anne and Bob Yudell, Arlene Vogel, Audree Spatz, Florence Jaffa, Gerson and Wilma Asrael, Joe and Dorca

Epley, Judith Tager, Mindy Asrael, Ray Fales

Sheila Kritzer from Alvin and Rachel Goodman

The sister and brother of Ron Gordon from Judie and Michael Van Glish, Florence Jaffa

#### THANK YOU TO

Bea Gibbs and the wonderful work she does with seniors

Donna DeGroot for helping Sophia prepare for her bat mitzvah from Stacey Ackerman Bhalla

Dr. Charles Brown for leading a wonderful service and helping Sophia prepare for her Bat Mitzvah from Mrs. Stacey Bhalla

#### IN HONOR OF

Dr. Laura Sinai from Howard M. Wilchins

Jill Levinson's induction into the National Honor Society from Judith Tager

Mindy Passe from Susie and Dan Meier

#### THINKING OF

Norm Levin from Ollie and Sam Polk ☆

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#### Why does JFS matter?

- ☆ Because we save lives!
- ☆ Because we help people move from misery and despair to renew their lives.
- ☆ Because when things get bad, we listen and help figure out what to do next.

#### To whom does JFS matter?

- ☆ The very young to the very old.
- ☆ All types of families.
- ☆ People dealt a difficult hand.
- ☆ People from all walks of life throughout the Jewish community.
- ☆ People you know.

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### Havurat Tikvah

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In addition to holiday services, we continue our schedule of mitzvah and tzedakah projects. Havurat Tikvah members and friends play an integral role in the twice-weekly soup kitchen at First Christian Church in Dilworth; the soup kitchen provides a "restaurant" atmosphere along with a

family-style welcome to those in need of a good, nourishing meal. Another ongoing activity is "Project Linus," where members meet to produce "security" blankets for children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need. Interested in participating? Call the number below for more information.

Havurat Tikvah is an affiliate of the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation. We provide a comfortable, family atmosphere where all Jews can feel welcome. We encourage participation in the community and in our services. Sunday School and B'nai Mitzvah preparation are available for children. Feel free to visit, get to know us, and become part of our growing congregation of over 50 households.

For questions about Havurat Tikvah, Sunday School, services, or community activities, please visit our website at [www.havurat-tikvah.org](http://www.havurat-tikvah.org) or contact new member chair, Brian Feinglass, at [bcfein1@gmail.com](mailto:bcfein1@gmail.com) or at 1-877-203-5848. ☆

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