



The March 2011 Shofar
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Please help us to reduce production expenses while serving our members and readers better

We are making changes in how we publish *The Shofar* and how you will receive it.

Producing *The Shofar* is expensive and time consuming. Consider the reams of paper, wear and tear on our copy machine, postage and the hours spent by Katie to print, prepare for mailing and wait in the "bulk mailing" line. We must reduce the number of copies we print and mail. Streamlining the entire process will save the Temple precious dollars.

One of the advantages of full and associate membership in Temple Beth El is receipt of *The Shofar*, and whether you receive it by e-mail or "snail mail", this service will continue.

Beginning with the April edition of *The Shofar*, the following changes will take effect:

For full and associate members:

- * Temple Beth El members who do not have e-mail will continue to receive *The Shofar* via the USPS.
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We want you, the Jewish community and the community at large to know what is happening at Temple Beth El. *The Shofar* is one way we get information to you. We want your participation in our events and we want you to feel at home at Temple.

We have made this difficult decision because we can no longer subsidize the publication of *The Shofar*. I know that this is a change for some of you, but it is a positive one for the Temple. You have my thanks and appreciation for your understanding.

Barbara Rosoff

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Rabbi's Message

One weekday morning, a Chasidic teacher, Nachman of Bratzlav, was looking through a window and noticed his disciple, Chaim, rushing along the street. Reb Nachman opened the window and invited Chaim to come inside. Chaim entered the home and Nachman said to him, "Chaim, have you seen the sky this morning?" "No, Rebbe," answered Chaim. "Have you seen the street this morning?" "Yes, Rebbe." "Tell me, please, Chaim, what did you see in the street?" "I saw people, carts, and merchandise. I saw merchants and peasants coming and going, selling and buying." "Chaim," said Nachman, "in 50 years, in 100 years, on that very street there will be a market. Other vehicles will then bring merchants and merchandise to the street. But I won't be here then and neither will you. So I ask you, Chaim, what's the good of your rushing if you don't even have time to look at the sky?"

The world of today, like the world of the 18th Century Rebbe, is busy and often frantic. Schedules overwhelm us and in many cases seem to rule us, so that the sky and an appreciation of life's broader purpose pass us by daily.

Shabbat is the vehicle by which Judaism addresses this dilemma. It is a time for stepping back from the busy-ness of life to gain perspective on the meaning of life.

Shabbat is an opportunity for a "time out" from the pressures of the work week. It allows us to make time for those people and experiences that matter to us most.

Shabbat allows us to deal with the turmoil of contemporary life in the context of Judaism. In our society, where the pace of life is hectic and where the moral ground shifts so rapidly, Shabbat is important because it can anchor us weekly in ceremonies and values sanctified by centuries of Jewish life. Shabbat reminds us that Jews need never stand alone. We can always draw our roots in the Jewish experience, our connections to other Jews, our relationship to Torah, and the *brit*/ covenant with God. Let us all try and take some time for ourselves, enjoy the quietude and solitude which is Shabbat, and let us bring home the warmth and protection in which Shabbat shelters us in. Shabbat comes only once a week and on Shabbat I invite you to take in all the splendor and glory which will enable us to place our lives in perspective.

The Talmud teaches us that God told Moses, "I have a good present in My treasure house, and its name is Shabbat. I want to give it to Israel. Go and tell them this" (BT, *Shabbat* 20b; *Beitzah* 16a).

Rabbi Matthew J. Durbin

Temple Cookbook

The Temple Cookbook is coming together slowly, but unfortunately, many promised recipes still have not been submitted to the committee. We do not currently have enough recipes to create a viable book. We are still enthusiastic about this keepsake project, and intend to have it completed and published by the High Holy Days! In order to do this, we need those recipes NOW. Please email them to me at plbrown3@juno.com, or to Karen or Judy. We are also happy to receive emails with attachments, and any dropped off with Katie in the Temple office will be passed on to us to enter.

If you've been waiting for a "better time" to give us your recipes, that better time is RIGHT NOW. Make this book truly yours, by having your family recipes included for your parents, children, and grandchildren.

Thank you, Phyllis Brown

New Payment Policies

As a result of actions taken by the Board of Trustees on February 22, to improve security and reduce excessive credit processing fees, the Temple treasurers, Ami Goldstein and Karen Marks, ask that everyone observe the following policies, effective immediately:

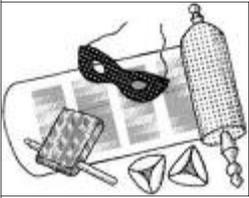
- * Payments and donations larger than \$50 must be made by check or credit card, not currency.
- * A \$2 service fee will be added to your credit card charge as we can no longer absorb the credit card fee.

We know you understand and thank you for your cooperation.



Purim Potluck Family Service And Party

Friday Night, March 18, 2011



Join us at 6 p.m. to turn the *groggers* against Haman, boo his name and cheer Esther at a family friendly Purim service.

Then join us for a costume parade, kids' activities, a potluck dinner and Hamantaschen.

Wondering what to bring to the dinner?

How many foods can we have that begin with the letters P-U-R-I-M?

Potato salad, Upside down cake, Rigatoni, Ice cream, Melon for starters

Call Katie to let her know that you will attend.

Tree of Life

So I was standing by the Tree of Life with one of my Pre-K Sunday School students and he wanted to know what the Tree was. I told him about the Tree and what it stood for and he wanted me to find his name. I had to tell him that his name was not on the Tree yet. It really does mean something for the children to be able to find their name on the Tree. Avery Hill's parents have put her name on the Tree in honor of her becoming a *Bat Mitzvah* this May and Sue and Molly Lieberman have purchased a leaf in honor of David Lieberman.

Elaine Sobel



Conversion Ceremony of Eric H. Reed

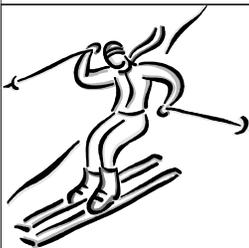
Dear Temple Beth El Members and Friends,

Memories are created by sharing special moments with family and friends. We invite you to share in our love, pride and joy by joining us for the Conversion Ceremony of Eric H. Reed at the Friday evening Shabbat Service, March 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

The Shabbat Service will be followed by an Oneg hosted in Eric's honor. We hope you will be able to join us for this special celebration as we make new memories for our family.

Sincerely,

Chris, Jeff, Elizabeth Levy and Beth Kramer



Shabbat On The Slopes

Have you ever wanted to combine the love and thrill of skiing with Judaism . . . carefree and surrounded by nature? If so, please join us on Saturday, March 19 at 11 a.m. at West Mountain where we will participate in a Shabbat service before dashing onto the slopes!

A minimum of 10 reservations with prepayment (\$35 for 4 hours) is required. If there are fewer than 10 reservations, we will have to cancel. So please do your part. Invite

your friends and family and phone or stop by the Temple office prior to March 8 to pay for and reserve your lift ticket.

These Shabbat events are wonderful and exciting with songs, prayer and the excitement of skiing.

Rabbi Durbin & Matt Levin



**PASSOVER SEDER
HOLD THIS DATE**

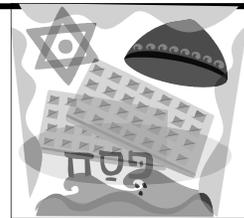
Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at 6 PM

Catering by Maureen Chase

with Temple Beth El volunteer assistants

**this year's arrangements are intended to make the Seder
more enjoyable for adult and family groups**

DETAILS TO FOLLOW



**To help with planning, please respond to the Temple office:
(518-792-4364) or tbegfny@gmail.com:**

1. **Yes, at this time I do plan to attend the Temple Beth El Community Seder. Please let us know how many people will be included in your reservation; OR**
2. **No, at this time I do not plan to attend the Temple Beth El Community Seder;**
3. **Are you willing to assist with prep-work, set-up, or limited serving and food donations?**
4. **Will you help plan and organize children's Seder activities?**

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Crandall Public Library Film and the Jewish Experience

Sponsored in part with a grant from the United Jewish Federation of Northeast New York
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Yoo-Hoo Mrs. Goldberg (USA, 2009, 92 min., color, 35mm)

Tuesday, March 8th at 6:30 p.m., Community Room, Crandall Public Library

Aviva Kempner directed this documentary tribute which celebrates the work of groundbreaking radio and TV star and writer Gertrude Berg. Her hit TV show, which moved from radio to TV in 1949 to 1956, *The Goldberg's* won her a Best Actress Emmy and the admiration of viewers. At the time, polls indicated Berg was the second most respected woman in the country just after Eleanor Roosevelt. And why? As Molly Goldberg, Gertrude Berg played the quintessential Jewish mother in the successful sit com, talking to her New York City Jewish neighbors out her back window, imparting wisdom, humor and family values as well as endearing herself to general audiences and critics alike. Included are fantastic clips from the show and from the 1950-1960s hits, *I Love Lucy*, *The Honeymooners*, *The Ed Sullivan Show* and the Marx Brothers. Among others, the film includes interviews with Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg; actor, Ed Asner; creator of *All in the Family*, Norman Lear and NPR's Susan Stamberg.

A Film Unfinished (Germany/Israel, 2009, 87 min., color & b&w)

Tuesday, March 15th at 6:30 p.m., Community Room, Crandall Public Library

Yael Hersonski premiered her documentary film at the Sundance Film Festival, 2010. The film deconstructs the Nazi produced propaganda film about the Warsaw Ghetto in May 1942 where half a million starving Jews were sealed off in the Ghetto. The film was discovered after the war in an East German archive, was never completed, has no soundtrack and has been used by historians studying the Warsaw Ghetto and Nazi propaganda against the Jews in Poland. One of the cameramen who shot parts of the film is interviewed and provides detailed information on the production of the film. Hersonski's documentary includes a missing reel of film discovered long after the film was first discovered which shed light on the fact that many scenes were staged by the Nazis to vilify the Jews of the Ghetto. It is both terrifying and tragic to view the images of the victims of the Nazi evil.

Ajami (Israel, 2009, 120 min., color, 35mm)

Tuesday, March 22nd at 6:30 p.m., Community Room, Crandall Public Library

Scandar Copti who is an Israeli Arab and Yaron Shani who is Jewish collaborated on this Academy Award nominated feature film for Best Foreign Film, 2010. Set in a tough neighborhood in Jaffa considered a part Tel Aviv, crime is rampant and unemployment the reality of the day in these mean streets. The tension in the film centers on many intertwining stories including: an accidental shooting that brings on fears of reprisal; a Palestinian working illegally in Israel to pay for his mother's medical bills and an Israeli policeman who searches relentlessly for his missing brother. Family and religious ties dominate this drama which has been called Shakespearean in themes and depth. Using mostly nonprofessional actors, the pace of the film and shooting style coupled with the film's "chapter" structure gives almost a documentary feel.

For more information about the festival, please call the Crandall Public Library at 792-6508, extension 3 OR check out our web site at www.crandalllibrary.org.



**Torah Portions****March 5**

Ex. 38:21-40:38

Ex. 30:11-16

Pr. II Kings 12:1-17

I Sam 20:18, 42

March 12

Lev. 1:1-5:26

Pr. Is. 43:21-44:23

March 19

Lev. 6:1-8:36

Deut. 25:17-19

Pr. I Sam 15:2-32

March 26

Lev. 9:1-11:47

Num. 19:1-22

Pr. Ez. 36:16-38

10 Minutes of Torah

The Union will send you a one page e-mail each day on a topic of Jewish interest. All you need to do is find ten minutes a day to "do Torah." Reform Jews committed to having Judaism in their daily lives are encouraged to participate 10 minutes a day of personal connection to a Jewish text, issue or topic. For example: Monday—Reform Voices of Torah; Tuesday—Mishnah Day; Wednesday—Israel Connection; Thursday—Delving into Liturgy; Friday—Jewish World & Social Action. Select all five days or any combination. Each weekday morning, an e-mail will be delivered to your inbox for you to study at your convenience. Sign up for 10 Minutes of Torah by visiting: www.urj.org/learning/torah/ten. Take your study of 10 Minutes of Torah to the next level by signing up for *Eilu V'eilu*.

Book Club

Here is the list of books that we will be discussing in the upcoming months:

March 8, 2011: *My Father's Paradise* by Ariel Sabar

April 12, 2011: *As A Driven Leaf* by Milton Steinberg and Chaim Potok

Don't forget, we meet the second Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. at the Temple. All are welcome and happy reading!

Karen Marks

TSRS Update

On January 30th the religious school honored Shirley Kanofsky by placing her name on the Rabbi Richard J. Sobel Distinguished Service Award plaque. The event was attended by over 120 people from multiple states and two countries (family and friends came from Florida and Canada). Many thanks to Scott Schwartz for organizing the food and to the nine people who spoke and reminisced about Shirley. Finding people who were willing to share fond memories and funny stories about Shirley was very easy. The hard part was getting them to stop. When I called Shirley to tell her about this honor, the first words out of her mouth were, "Did I do anything to deserve that?" I think that everyone in attendance was in agreement that Shirley most definitely deserved to be honored for her decades of distinguished service to the religious school and Jewish community. We will not be having any more community luncheons this year, and the next recipient of the distinguished service award will be announced next year.

The religious school held its annual *Tu BiSh'vat seder* in January. It focused on exploring the four seasons and how each one reflects upon our relationship with God and the world around us. Our *haggadah*, which I compiled especially for the school from various sources, is based upon the structure of the Passover *Haggadah*. We started off by asking four questions about nature and each answer was accompanied by a type of fruit and a glass of grape juice. Each glass is comprised of a different mixture of red and white grape juice in order to symbolically represent the changing seasons. Many thanks to the board members who volunteered to purchase food for the *seder* and to Suzanne Seay and our teen aides for putting together our wonderful *seder* plates.

Our annual Purim Carnival will be held during the month of *Adar II* on March 20th. As this is a leap year in the Jewish calendar, there are two months of *Adar*, each containing Purim. We, along with most religious schools, have chosen to celebrate the second Purim as the first Purim occurs during school vacation. Services will be at 9:30 a.m. at the Synagogue followed by the carnival in the basement. We are planning on having the students make a new carnival game during art class this year. Please feel free to join the religious school for what promises to be a very exciting carnival.

Adam Fine, TSRS Director



MARCH 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	*SAT
		1	2 6 p.m. TSRS at Synagogue	3	4 7 p.m. Family Service / Oneg hosted by Jack & Lois Hellman ICO Jack's birthday	5 10:30 a.m. Torah Service
6 9:30 a.m. TSRS at Temple	7	8 10 a.m. Book Club Meeting (<u>My Father's Paradise</u> by Ariel Sabar) 4 p.m. Ritual / Pulpit Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m. <u>Yoo-Hoo Mrs. Goldberg</u> at Crandall Public Library Reservation Deadline for Shabbat on the Slopes	9 6 p.m. TSRS at Synagogue	10	11 7 p.m. Shabbat Service / Oneg hosted by the Levy family IHO Eric Reed's conversion	12 10:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat
13 9:30 a.m. TSRS at Temple	14	15 6:30 p.m. <u>A Film Unfinished</u> at Crandall Public Library Shofar Deadline	16 6 p.m. TSRS at Synagogue	17	18 6 p.m. Purim Family Potluck Service & Dinner	19 11 a.m. Shabbat on the Slopes
20 TSRS Family Purim Carnival	21	22 6:30 p.m. <u>Ajami</u> at Crandall Public Library 7 p.m. Board Meeting	23 6 p.m. TSRS at Synagogue	24	25 7 p.m. Torah Service	26 10:30 a.m. Torah Study
27 9:30 a.m. TSRS at Temple	28	29	30 6 p.m. TSRS at Synagogue	31	*Saturday Services: Unless noted otherwise, there will be a <i>Shabbat</i> Service and Torah Study every Saturday. When a " Torah Service " is scheduled, the Torah will be removed from the Ark, we will read from the Torah and one or more individuals will be called to the Torah for an Aliyah.	



APRIL 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1 7 p.m. Family Service	2 10:30 a.m. Torah Service
3 TSRS Community Service Day	4	5	6 6 p.m. TSRS at Synagogue	7	8 7 p.m. Shabbat Service / Oneg hosted by Levy Family	9 10:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat
10 TSRS Family Passover Seder	11	12 10 a.m. Book Club Meeting (As A <u>Driven</u> <u>Leaf</u>) 4 p.m. Ritual / Pulpit Committee Meeting	13 6 p.m. TSRS at Synagogue Seder Reservation Deadline	14	15 7 p.m. Shabbat Service Shofar Deadline	16 10:30 a.m. Torah Study
17 No TSRS	18	19 6 p.m. Passover Seder	20 No TSRS	21	22 7 p.m. Torah Service / Oneg	23 10:30 a.m. Torah Study
24 No TSRS	25	26 7 p.m. Temple Board Meeting	27 6 p.m. TSRS at Synagogue	28	29 7 p.m. Shabbat Service	30 10:30 a.m. Torah Study

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In honor of Shirley Kanofsky for her name being added to the Rabbi Richard J. Sobel Distinguished Service Plaque

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Welcoming Mark Fleischer to membership in Temple Beth El

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In honor of Shirley Kanofsky for her many kindnesses

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Ruth Lichtman

In memory of Sarah Wolf



We Remember

Mourners Kaddish for the following individuals will be recited in Temple on the noted dates:

March 4

Ida Frank Blecker, John Brunell, Kathryn Burbank, William Cohn, Dora Honigsbaum Elitzer, Harry Feldman, Anna Goldstein, *Henry J. Metzner, *Moses Metzner, Abrahm Rothblatt, Blanche Salomon, *Dorothy Seidel, *Florence Sobel, Max Stichman, Charles Alfred Rogut, Samuel Wolf, Richard Yamin, March Young, Barnet Zackowitz

March 11

Evelyn Bennett, Albert Berkowitz, Seymour Brandt, *Lazarus Bronne, *Rose Fribush, Frances Gordon, Yvette Lynn Hocutt, David Merkel, *Harriet Patrick, Charles Poster, *Abraham Sovetts, *Joseph Stabins, Bella Suckman, *Arnold Wurtenberg

March 18

Lester Binns, *Gloria Bittman, *Tema Burick, Rose Fine, Louis Freeman, *William Ginsburg, Sidi Koltai, Gerald Miller, Benjamin Stillman, *Freda Tansey, *Mortimer Task, Ruth Sanden Upton, Joseph Yanklowitz

March 25

*Esther Adler, Augusta Stichman Copelan, Carmela D'Amico, *Arthur Feldstein, Egon Heller, *Martin Segan, Rose Seidman
*(*name appears on jahrzeit plaque in the sanctuary)*

Condolences

Jacquelyn Task Efram passed away on Tuesday, August 31, 2010 at the age of 80. She is survived by her husband, Rudy; their daughter, Laura Hebert and son, Daniel.

Libbie Levin, mother of Herb Levin, grandmother of Temple's Matt (Allison) Levin, and great-grandmother of Temple's Jonah and Grant Levin, passed away on February 9, 2011. Libbie was a few weeks shy of her 101st birthday.

Get Well Soon

Ronald Binns, Sheldon Binns, Paul Cattabiani, Mia Corton, John Dessingue, Caryl Doe, Elaine Faller, Victor Friedman, Dawn Gideon, U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, Jacqueline Gordon, Mark Grunblatt, Lina Hellman, James Hipp, Mike Jucowics, Shirley Kanofsky, Walt Kendall, Paula Knight, Sandra Lewis, Minna Margolies, Leonard Meyers, Linda Miller, Karen Muller, Howard Nadler, Rabbi David Novak, Tom O'Brien, Paul Offricht, Jessica Panebianco, Edie Rudnick, Bob Savarin, Alan Schwartzer, Sonny Segan, Frank Sheridan, Ann Silk, Walter Stern, Alfred Supe, Judy Supe, Robbie Wedge, Carol Wells, Jarod Winchell, Bertel Wolfe

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Rabbi Durbin and President Barbara Rosoff will be ex-officio members of all committees.



Temple Beth El History

[Following is an excerpt from the early history of Temple Beth El, written by Ella Cline. "Tree of Life" is the chapter for 1928-1929.]

Merrily we gathered in our Home Room on June 17 to "surprise" Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bronne on their fifteenth wedding anniversary. Harry Lustig, master of ceremonies, officiated as rabbi at a mock marriage that was part of a musical and dramatic program. There was plenty of fun for all, and a little gift for Mr. and Mrs. Bronne to remember the occasion.

And still another use was found for our much-used Home Room that summer. Rain threatened to spoil the picnic of the religious school on June 23. The picnickers, baskets and all, climbed into their cars, drove to the Temple, and picnicked in the Home Room! Our rabbi led the games; ices and other dainties were passed around as had been planned for the out-of-doors outing.

Rabbi Eppstein preached his last sermon in our Temple on June 21. Until September the Temple was open for services only once. It was opened on July 27 for a memorial service for Julius Jacobson who had departed this life on July 26, 1928. Max Cline, Charles Gelman and Harry Lustig, men who had known Mr. Jacobson intimately, jointly conducted the services and spoke most reverently, recalling the many excellent traits of Julius Jacobson and his unremitting efforts in establishing Beth El.

In August the Jews of Glens Falls sent to the Jewish sufferers of the Arab outrage in Palestine \$900.00. We were not living engrossed in our own immediate affairs only, working for our own good exclusively; we had become an established unit, in sympathy with our people wherever they might be.

The Sisterhood met in September and promptly recommenced its work. There was a food sale on the eighteenth – our food sales for two years and more have been ably managed by Mrs. Gelman. A supper for the congregation and their friends was held at Goldsmid's restaurant on the twenty-second. And even if the Sisterhood activities of the year had not brought in as much as during the previous year, we instructed our treasurer, Mrs. Maslon, to give a check for \$800.00 to Carl Bronne, treasurer for the congregation.

The first Friday in September our Temple was opened for services and continued open every Friday throughout the year.

Meanwhile, in line with the nation-wide drive to unite every Jew with a religious organization, whether orthodox, conservative or reform, Carrie Goldstein and Sarah Marks made a drive for members for Beth El and nine new members were gained through their efforts. Our congratulations, ladies! We expect to hear from you again next fall!

Rabbi Albert M. Shulman conducted our services on September 13 and came every week thereafter. He is a second-year student in the Jewish Institute of Religion and a graduate of the University of California. He holds the Free Synagogue Fellowship in Social Service. He is an American.

His sermons were invariably helpful, instructive and simple. The religious school gained new life and pupils. He organized a post-graduate class of boys and girls of high school age, already confirmed or too old for the regular classes. This group, to which older folk were welcome, met Sunday morning with Rabbi Shulman to study and discuss current Jewish events and comparative religion. They were being prepared to go to college, or into the business world, with a just estimate of the position of the Jew in the world at the present time.

We had left the choice of a rabbi entirely to the Institute and had acted wisely in doing so.



Happy Birthday!

Charles Gartner (3/2 – 8 years old!), Jennifer Coleman (3/2), Mia Corton (3/2), Howard Silverberg (3/3), Jack Hellman (3/4), Amanda Nemer (3/4), Helen Kraus (3/6), Paul Gancher (3/7), Joel Solomon (3/14), Elissa Eichin (3/16), Benjamin Marks (3/17 – 6 years old!), Alexander Marks (3/17 – 6 years old!), Deborah Friedman (3/18), Philip Gordon (3/18), Dara Amengual (3/19), Nathaniel Hellman (3/19), Hilda Grunblatt (3/20), Benjamin Heyman (3/24—5 years old!), Sam Friedman (3/26), Kibby French (3/27), Jeffrey Naftaly (3/29)



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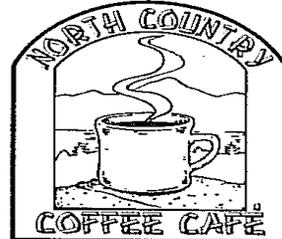
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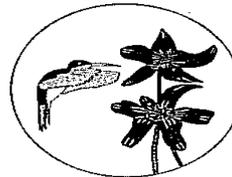
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