

Tzevet T'Shuvah

Dear Congregants,

Good News . . . and *More* Good News

Your Tzevet T'Shuvah (your Addictions Recovery Team) is moving forward and it seems that we have accomplished an awful lot during our early infancy period.

Mindy Agler, of Congregation B'nai Israel, who is the inspiration for this pilot project, has stated that she wishes she could clone us! Drew Brooks, of The Rush Center in Texas, is well aware of our progress and has commended us for our dedication and enthusiasm.

We have received press coverage in the *Sun Sentinel* and *Jewish News*, we are members of the Palm Beach County Substance Abuse Coalition, and we have developed team membership criteria and an application process. Our latest achievement was obtaining approval from our Board of Trustees to establish a special fund for the Recovery Team.

There have been no expenditures thus far. A grant was received that covered the early training. In the future, however, there will be some financial outlays as we build our library, sponsor programs, print and publish informational material, and attend training events and conferences.

You may now contribute directly to the Addictions Recovery Fund to help us carry out our mission. Perhaps you know someone who is in recovery and wish to honor that special person. Perhaps, sadly, somebody close to you has passed away as a result of addiction. You could honor his/her memory and help our team in its efforts to prevent such tragedies. Perhaps you have children or grandchildren and worry about possible future substance abuse, gambling, eating disorders, etc. Perhaps you simply think our work is important enough to support.

We hope to begin some programming in the fall and will be conducting a survey of our Religious School and youth group parents to find out what people want. Rest assured that we are dedicated to keeping our young people safe and providing tools for them to use when situations become challenging as they progress through their formative years into adolescence and beyond.

This is YOUR Tzevet T'Shuvah! We hope you will support our cause any way you can.

B'Shalom,
Mindi Preston, Team Facilitator