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From the Desk of Cantor Bruce Rockman



“By Being What Only I Can Be”

Following our very divisive election season and the upcoming holiday of Chanukah, I began thinking of a connection that could sooth my discomfort and the agitation being felt throughout our community. The news has been very difficult to digest while espousing my instinctive conciliatory tone. I have confidence in our country and our constitution and pray that our leadership will be guided by “God’s blessings, guided by the insights of the Torah, that our leaders will administer all affairs of state fairly.”

Our Chanukah celebration will coincide with Christmas this year. Generosity will rule the day. The Chanukah lights remind us of the miracle of the victory of religious freedom in the face of devastating intolerance. Though they are not at all religiously linked, in America, giving and fellowship are the focus of both holidays.

At B’nai Tikvah we are proud of our generous support of local food pantries and the openhearted giving of holiday gifts to local underprivileged families.

All children who become B’nai Mitzvah, participate in a “Mitzvah Project”, showing their gratitude for their blessings. You can read about Harrison Berness’ project in this issue of *Hakol* (on page 26).

The challenges that confront us are daunting, the country is divided. It can be our role to bridge these differences through a deeper understanding of our selves and of others.

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks is the former Chief Rabbi of Great Britain, and a lecturer. Among his other endeavors is a professor at NYU and Yeshiva University. I am grateful to Rabbi Sacks for helping to inform my understanding of Judaism and some of the challenges I face.

Following the release of his book *The Dignity of Difference*, Rabbi Sacks was interviewed by Krista Tippet for American Public Media. Rabbi Sacks is insightful, inspiring, informative and comforting; he is a resonating voice of reason. I suggest that you listen to the entire interview at your leisure. You can find and enjoy the full interview at <https://soundcloud.com/onbeing/jonathan-sacks-the-dignity-of-difference>.

I hope that Rabbi Sacks’ perspective will add to your understanding of Judaism, raise a few questions, and impress upon you the importance of social engagement. Rabbi Sacks recounts that the three greatest determinants of happiness are; doing good to others, a network of strong and supportive relationships, and a sense that life is worthwhile.

Rabbi Sacks states that “The faithful can and must cultivate their own deepest truths — while finding God in the face of the stranger and the religious other.” God has created many paths: ours is special for us as others’ are also special, with much to offer to the world.

“Don’t think God is as simple as you are-God is in places that you would not expect...”

“God cannot be defined by our categories...God is bigger than religion.”

“There are 6800 different languages, there is not only one way to speak with God.”

Ms. Tippet asks Rabbi Sacks to explain how through his understanding of the dignity of difference he justifies God’s special relationship with the Jewish people that is evident in the text, “Upholding the particularity of Judaism.”

With characteristic clarity, Rabbi Sacks responded “**By being what only I can be**, I give humanity only what I can give...it is my uniqueness that allows me to contribute something unique to the universal heritage.” Through metaphor, Rabbi Sacks describes the distinctive relationship of a parent and a child, his

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A Message From Rabbi Robert Wolkoff



The following is a letter sent by Rabbi Wolkoff to our local Imam, Imam Chebli of the Islamic Society of Central Jersey.

Imam Hamad Ahmad Chebli
Islamic Society of Central Jersey
P.O.Box 628
Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852-0628

Dear Hamad,

I am writing on behalf of the Jewish community of North and South Brunswick to express our concern for, and solidarity with, the Muslim community at this difficult time. The election of a presidential candidate who has made outrageous and inappropriate comments about Muslims (among many others) is profoundly disquieting. No doubt there are many in your community, as there are in ours, who feel a sense of shock, abhorrence, and even fear at recent events.

It may be of some small comfort to your community to know that we in the Jewish community are deeply aware that a threat to *any* of us is a threat to *all* of us. When forces of hate and bigotry are unleashed, no one knows how much damage they can do. Hatred never stops with this or that maligned group.

Hamad, you should know that there has always been a “pendulum swing” in American society. At times, America is admirably—even extraordinarily—generous and open. There is a poem at the foot of the Statue of Liberty, written by a Jewish woman named Emma Lazarus, that says, “Give us your tired, your poor, your huddled masses, yearning to breathe free.” It is as generous a sentiment as one could imagine for a nation of immigrants such as the United States of America.

On the other hand, America has been wracked with spasms of discrimination and hatred—toward blacks, of course, and Jews, but also Irish immigrants, Italian immigrants, Catholics in general, Japanese citizens during World War II. Today, Muslims and Mexicans. Tomorrow, who knows?

The causes of such bigotry are many. Fears, real or imagined. The defense of privilege. Mistrust of anyone seen as “other.” Economic and social dislocation, a need to blame someone, anyone, for all that is wrong with our lives, accompanied by a need to get back to the “good old days” (that were never really that good).

We feel those negative currents all too strongly in today’s America. These are dark times—the darkest I can remember. But we must not despair. In a few weeks, the Jewish community will be celebrating the holiday of Chanukah. It is a remembrance of an epic battle, 2000 years ago, between our people and the Seleucid Greek pagans who tried to eliminate the worship of the one G-d. We won, and it is because of that victory that Judaism, Christianity and Islam are alive and thriving today.

We celebrate our victory (G-d’s victory), with a simple ceremony. We light a candle at nightfall. And then each night for the following seven nights we light an additional candle. The meaning is clear. In the darkest of times, even one candle brings hope. And with hope, comes strength, and with strength comes victory.

We will stand together, Hamad, as Americans and as people of faith. And we will see America shine again, as it should, as a beacon of freedom.

Shalom uvracha, wishing peace and blessings on you and your community,

Robert

Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff
Congregation B’nai Tikvah

A Message From Our Co-Presidents



Allison Nagelberg



Ruth Anne Koenick

Co-Presidents

The 2013 Pew Research Portrait of Jewish Americans provides many important insights into the American Jewish community, including the extent to which different demographic groups identify as Jews, and how, if at all, they practice and celebrate their Judaism. While eight out of ten Jews say being Jewish is important to them, nearly one-in-four American Jewish adults say they attend Jewish religious services at a synagogue or other place of worship at least once a week (11%) or once or twice a month (12%). Roughly one-third of American Jews (35%) say they attend religious services a few times a year.

And so we ask ourselves: why do we attend religious services, especially on Shabbat? While there is a diversity of Jewish practice among the 380 families at B'nai Tikvah, each of us having so many things pulling us in different directions, there are different things that bring each of us to shul. Some of us grew up in homes where we went to shul each Shabbat and it is just what we do every week. Others attend because our children are approaching their B'nai Mitzvah. For some of us, this is a day of rest and celebration, and some of us go for the sense of community or to "visit" with friends and enjoy a

light lunch. While non-Jews often think that Yom Kippur is the most important day of the Jewish year, we know that there are 52 equally important days each year - Shabbat.

Congregation B'nai Tikvah thrives for many reasons. One of the most important reasons is all of the people who volunteer their time, energy and commitment to making CBT an amazing community. Drawing on these two ideas – the joy of celebrating Shabbat and our desire to recognize the many congregants who volunteer - beginning in 2017, we will be having some "special" Shabbatot, where we celebrate both the centrality of the day and the importance of our volunteers.

Have an idea about a group that you feel deserves honoring? Want to get involved in the planning and implementation of these special Shabbat celebrations? We urge you to contact Allison, Ruth Anne, Cantor Rockman or Gale Dillman and be a part of the magic of Shabbat.

Ruth Anne Koenick Co-President
Allison Nagelberg Co-President

HAKOL

The Newsletter of **Congregation B'nai Tikvah, JCC of North & South Brunswick**
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CBT Religious School and CBT Chai

Jennifer James, Director of Education



A few weeks, ago, the teens in CBT Chai took a break from their electives on Modern Israel and Soul Food in order to deal with the elephant in the room that they had been dying to discuss all fall: the presidential election.

Inundated as our society is with information and commentary about politics, there still is one thing that CBT can offer that our teens will find virtually nowhere else. We can teach them about the Jewish perspective on everything they are seeing and hearing. Judaism has much to teach us that bears directly on civic leadership and political discourse. Those are the teachings that we shared with our teens on the first Sunday in November.

We began with a critical premise: that our discussions must be civil, and adhere to constructive norms while avoiding destructive ones. "That means no name-calling or insults," I told them. This was greeted by a mix of relief and loud protests. Some teens asked, "Well then, what are we supposed to say if we can't do that?" – proving the need for modeling a Jewish way of having difficult conversations. They were presented with a Civility Pledge, and given a choice: sign the pledge and abide by it during the rest of the class discussions, or refuse to sign it but sit out the discussions. Every teen agreed to sign the pledge and participate and, throughout the rest of the morning, it was clear they were cognizant of it, as they reminded one another if they thought someone was violating the pledge. Their resulting discussions were robust without being rude, and very informed. This signed pledge will hang in the Youth Lounge for the remainder of the year as a reminder of how Judaism demands we treat our

fellow human beings. A copy is included here as well so you can read exactly what the teens agreed to!

Next we considered a number of quotes and texts from Jewish sources on leadership, including:

"One who is wise, humble, clear-headed, and fearful of sin . . . may be made a judge [or leader] in his [or her] city."

Tosafot Sanhedrin 7:1

"But select people from the community – people who fear G-d, trustworthy ones who hate dishonest gain..." *Sh'mot (Exodus) 18:21*

"All who work for the welfare of the public should do the work for the sake of Heaven." *Pirke Avot 2:2*

"Noah was a righteous man; he was blameless in his age; Noah walked with G-d..." *B'reishit (Genesis) 6:9*

The teens' questions, comments and observations were far-ranging and insightful.

Finally it was time to talk about THIS election. We held the conversation through the lens of seven principles of Jewish leadership identified by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, formerly the Chief Rabbi of Great Britain and a world-wide leader of the Masorti (Conservative) Jewish movement. The seven principles are:

1. Leadership begins with taking responsibility.
2. No one can lead alone.
3. Leadership is about the future.
4. Leaders learn.
5. Leadership means believing in the people you lead.
6. Leadership involves a sense of timing and pace.
7. Leadership is stressful and emotionally demanding.

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Check bnaitikvah.org/event/vodkas-latkes for more details

Parrot With An Attitude

David received a parrot for his birthday that had a bad attitude and vocabulary. David tried hard to change the bird's attitude and was constantly saying polite words, playing soft music, anything that came to mind. Nothing he tried worked.

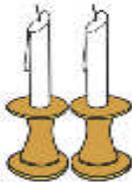
Finally, in a moment of desperation, David put the parrot in the freezer. For a few moments he heard the bird squawking, kick-

ing and screaming and then, suddenly, all was quiet David was frightened that he might have actually hurt the bird and quickly opened the freezer door. The parrot calmly stepped out and said: "I'm sorry that I offended you with my language and actions. I ask for your forgiveness. I will try to check my behavior..." David was astounded at the bird's change in attitude and was about to ask what changed him when the parrot continued, "May I ask what the chicken did?"

You are cordially invited to

USY/Kadima Takes Over Shabbat!

Fri. December 16th – Shabbat Dinner & Services @ 6:30pm



**\$18 per adult
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Sat. December 19th – USYers & Kadimanicks lead Shacharit, enjoy a lunch & ruach session (open to congregation) & lead Mincha, Maariv & Havdallah – in between the kids stay at the synagogue for fun games in the Youth Lounge!

Come join us for Friday night dinner and stay to support our USYers/Kadimanicks as they lead services. Join us again Saturday morning as the kids lead Shacharit and stay for lunch & ruach session (open to the congregation). USYers/Kadimanicks are then invited to stay for board games and hanging out until they lead Mincha/Maariv services - ending with Hagalil style Havdallah.

USY/Kadima Takes Over Shabbat Friday Night Dinner Response Form Friday, December 19th @ 6:30pm

Family Name: _____
 # of adults attending: _____ @ \$18 per adult _____
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 # of USYers/Kadimanicks attending _____ (FREE!)
Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Please RSVP to nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com and place your response forms & checks for Shabbat Dinner in the USY mailbox at BT.

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with his parents and unique and private relationship his only his brothers shared with their parents.

Rabbi Sacks explains the difference between religious paths with humility. The margin of mystery is beyond our categories, Rabbi Sacks explains, the margin of mystery, is where there is a relationship of the other with God. I understand my relationship, I may not understand the others' mystery, I may be surprised

while finding God in the face of the stranger or the religious others' warm and welcoming embrace.

The Jewish imperative since the time of Abraham Be true to your faith and a blessing to others, regardless of their faith.

Happy Chanukah!
With Joy,
Cantor Bruce Rockman



Amanda Dillman, Advisor

USY IN DECEMBER

Thursday, Dec 8th

USY Escape the Room - Princeton, NJ 7:15-8:45pm

Join us for an awesome event of Escape the Room. We'll be participating in one of two themes; either Dorm Room or Time Travel Challenge! We only have 20 available spaces for this event so it is imperative that an RSVP is sent to nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com ASAP! The cost for this event will be \$15 per USYer (the rest will be subsidized by USY).

Amazing Escape Room, 3490 Route 1, Suite 15A, Princeton, NJ

Saturday, Dec 17th

Regional USY Membership Program

This is a regional event and we have not yet received the information about. Once this information is received, it will be disbursed via email from nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com

Fri, Dec 25th - Tuesday, Dec 29th

USY International Convention- Dallas, TX

Please see link below in order to sign up for convention. Materials about the convention will all be forwarded via email from nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com

Link to sign up/for more information: <http://usy.org/ic/ic2016/>

USY & KADIMA IN DECEMBER

Friday, Dec 16th & Saturday, December 17th

USY & Kadima Take Over Shabbat

Friday night our USYers, Kadimanicks along with their families are invited to join us for a delicious Shabbat dinner at 6:30pm, followed by USYer & Kadimanick led services. Saturday, USYers & Kadimanicks will lead the morning service, enjoy a delicious lunch (congregation invited) and then stick around to hang out with friends, play games, and participate in interesting discussions while waiting for Mincha/Ma'ariv and Havdallah, that

will end our awesome weekend. This event is being organized by our Rel/Ed VP, Joshua Safer, who will be reaching out to the kids for their participation in one or both services. Please see the attached flyer in order to RSVP and for further details (page 8).

Wednesday, Dec 21st - Synagogue Hanukkah Party (followed by USY & Kadima Hanukkah Party!)

Following the synagogue-wide Hanukkah party and candle lighting, our Kadimanicks & USYers are invited to join us for our usual dreidel tournament and a NEW addition: a grab bag! The kids are asked to please bring a gender neutral gift valued at or below \$10 to add to the grab bag, AND one for charity. The grab bag gift should please be wrapped, the one for charity should be unwrapped.

Those who bring a gift for the grab bag will get to participate and take home a gift themselves! Kadimanicks & USYers will each participate in separate grab bags. Please RSVP to nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com if you intend to join in on the Hanukkah festivities!

Please email NSBRUNSWICKUSY@gmail.com in order to join the email list and receive details for all upcoming events or to receive an application to join one of our awesome chapters!

KADIMA IN DECEMBER

Friday, Dec 9th - Sunday Dec 11th - Regional Kadima Shabbaton & Lock-In

This is a regional event and we have not yet received the information about it. Once this information is received, it will be disbursed via email from nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com

Sunday, Dec 18th - Kadima Outdoor Ice Skating - Edison, NJ 12:30-2:30pm

This month, our Kadimanicks will be participating in some awesome outdoor ice skating! The event will take place at Middlesex County's Family Skating Rink at 151 Parsonage Road, Edison, NJ. We will be skating during session 1 which starts at 12:30pm and ends at 2:30pm. There are dairy food items available at the concession stand. The cost for entry and skating is \$11 per Kadimanick. Please RSVP to nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com



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Saturday, December 10th at 8 pm – Latkes and Vodka. Come nosh with your fellow CBT family. More details to follow.

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Thursday, January 19th at 7:30 pm – Join us for a Book Talk: Outwitting History by Aaron Lansky

Saturday, February 25th, at 7:30 pm – Passover Poker is back! Open to the entire community. Bring your friends for a great time. More details to follow.

Membership - It's never too late to join Sisterhood. Please visit the CBT website at <http://bnaitikvah.org/community-2/sisterhood/sisterhood-membership-application/> if you are interested in getting involved. Sisterhood would love to welcome you. For more information please contact Melissa at 617-869-1422 or at Melissa.dara.kessler@gmail.com.

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Seeing how impressed Mrs. Friedman was with this demonstration of faith, he smiled and confided, "The numbers are written on the ceiling."

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Rabbi Sacks concludes:

Leaders lead because there is work to do, there are people in need, there is injustice to be fought, there is wrong to be righted, there are problems to be solved and challenges ahead. Leaders hear this as a call to light a candle instead of cursing the darkness. They lead because they know that to stand idly by and expect others to do the work is the too-easy option. The responsible life is the best life there is, and is worth all the pain and frustration. To lead is to serve – the highest accolade Moses ever received was to be called *eved Hashem*, “God’s servant,” and there is no higher honor.

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The days and months leading up to this election were challenging in many ways, and the days and months to come likely will be so as well. I share our teens’ learning experience with you, not only to give a glimpse of the educational work we are doing in the Religious School, but also in the hope that these principles and ideas of Jewish leadership and civil discourse can serve as a guide to all in our community.

B’shalom,
Jennifer

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CBT Chai Civility Pledge

(Adapted from the Jewish Council on Public Affairs)

Vigorous debate about pressing issues is one of the greatest features of our democracy and one of the hallmarks of the Jewish people. We revel in our tradition of debate: A frank and civil exchange of ideas helps to inform our decisions, provoke new ways of thinking, and sometimes even change our minds.

This pursuit has deep roots in Torah and in our community’s traditions. We commit ourselves to this effort to preserve an essential element of a community – the ability to meet and talk as brothers and sisters.

When debate is interrupted by raised voices and personal insults, the dignity of individuals and of the community is diminished, and democracy is weakened. People of diverse views stop listening to each other.

Therefore, as individuals and as a community, we pledge to uphold the basic norms of civil discussion and debate:

We will debate with civility by guarding our tongues and rejecting false witness.

We will show care for the dignity of every human being, even those with whom we may strongly disagree.

We will listen carefully when others speak, seek to understand what is being said, and try to learn from it.

We agree to treat others with decency and honor, and to set ourselves as models for civil discourse, even when we disagree with each other.

We commit ourselves to open our hearts and minds to healthy, respectful dialogue based on our love for our neighbors, our country, and our people.

Signatures:

Witnesses:



SPECIAL DATE
4th Friday of the month!!!
Family Shabbat Dinner and Service
DECEMBER 23, 2016

RSVP by 12/21/2016 - PLEASE

6pm in the MULTI PURPOSE room

Cannot attend the dinner? Come to services at 7pm

Bring a friend or two!!
 Everyone is Welcome

Baked ziti dinner with salad and challah.
 (and maybe even a latke or two)
 Fresh veggies to nibble on before hand.
 Cost \$8 per adult, \$0 for children 2-12.
 Peanut Free dinner and dessert.

Is your child or other family member celebrating a birthday or any other special occasion in the month of December? Please let us know so that we can make this announcement. For \$18 you can SPONSOR the Kiddush in honor of that event or any other special occasion. See order form below.

A unique Shabbat experience geared towards families with children between the ages of 2 and 7. You need not attend the dinner to attend services.

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THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE JUNIOR CONGREGATION SERVICE IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER
THERE WILL BE LOTS OF SINGING THOUGH!!!

of adults _____ @ \$8.00/adult Amount due\$ _____

of children _____ @ \$0.00/child Amount due \$ _____

Sponsoring Kiddush _____ @\$18.00

Total due \$ _____

Your name: _____ Phone #: _____

Email address: _____

Yes, I/We would like to sponsor the Kiddush and have enclosed **\$18**. Please announce the following:

Make your check payable to "Congregation B'nai Tikvah" with "**Family Shabbat Dinner**" on the envelope. Mail it to the synagogue or leave your payment in the Family Shabbat Slot in the synagogue office
DECEMBER 21, 2016

Questions? Call Bobbi @ 732-690-4779 or email eemaof3@comcast.net



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DECEMBER:

December 10th:

Latkes & Vodkas (Co-event with Sisterhood)

December 11th:

Men's Club Meeting @ 10 a.m.

JANUARY:

January 8th:

Men's Club Meeting @ 10 a.m.

January 14th:

Whiskey Night (Co-event with CBT Activities)

Pictures from the man of the year and youths of the year 2016



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Gala - March 18

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I would like to host USYers during Winter Convention.

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Name _____ # of USYers you can host _____

I prefer to host (please circle one) MALE FEMALE

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A special thank you to Joyce Fishelberg, Bill Greenberg, Norman Berens and Jay Scheuer for making November birthday calls.

A special thank you to Jay Scheuer for his amazing prayer book repairs and to Phyllis Pinsky for doing beautiful calligraphy for B'nai Mitzvah and Baby Naming certificates.



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Sunday	9:00 am & 7:30 pm
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Friday	8:00 pm
Saturday	9:30 am



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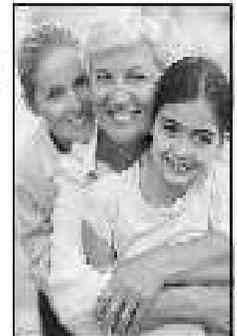


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SUNDAY MORNING
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There is a group of daveners at B'nai Tikvah every day:
Sunday through Thursday evening at 7:30 pm. Thursday
morning at 7:30 am and each Sunday morning at 9:00 am.

If you will be coming to the synagogue for a meeting or to
bring your children to Religious School or if you are

available at any of these times, please stop by the Beit
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difference, allowing someone to say Kaddish.

Weekday evening services only take about 15
minutes of your time. Weekday morning services last
about an hour.

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My family has committed to raising money for the March of Dimes because we hope that, one day every baby will be born healthy. Team Harrison has raised more than \$14,000 since 2006. Each year, it is my decision if we will continue to walk, and I wish that **YOU** will join us. I have already signed up for the 2017 walk, and I hope you can support me by signing up to walk with us. If you cannot walk with us, please consider making a donation to the March of Dimes and visit my webpage:

www.marchofbabies.org/harrisonjacob .

Eleanor Roosevelt once said "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." I dream that no baby will be born prematurely or unhealthy, and have to fight to survive as I did. I hope you can help me in succeeding and reaching my goal and support me by helping the March of Dimes. If you would like more information so that you can help, please email me at harrisonjb3@gmail.com.

Thank you,
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