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FRIDAY
DECEMBER 3RD

CHANUKAH
BOWLING
BASH

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 5TH
3:00 - 6:00 pm

CHAHUKAH
PARTY
TUESDAY

DECEMBER 7TH
AT 7:30pm
MUSIC AND
SONG

A Message From Rabbi Robert Wolkoff (abbreviated version from Yom Kippur sermon)

There are those that say talking on the phone, even a hands-free phone, could be dangerous. And even listening to music could be. But texting? There are no "could be's" about it. It's dangerous.

The person who texts while driving is the functional equivalent of the alcoholic who says, "I can stop any time I want." Neither is thinking clearly, both are going to get themselves killed.

There is something radically wrong with the notion that the way we move civilization forward is by cramming in more and more information and more and more work.

We need time, and, as should now be obvious to us all, our time-saving devices don't save us time. They take time away. They make us fail at the most fundamental of life's tasks.

Switching from one task to another means we can never truly pay attention, we only half-listen, and the fact that we are half-listening to six things at once doesn't mean we are hearing 3 things (6 divided by 2). It means we are hearing nothing in its entirety, and therefore are not really hearing at all.

The lack of focus symptomatic of multitasking is a direct challenge to that which we hold most dear within the Jewish tradition. For us, focus "kavannah" is necessary for the three great tasks of Jewish life, for our thinking, for our acting, and for our remembering.

Judaism is a religion of significant, indeed crucial, actions. They are meant to be done with intensity, and with focus. The Jewish path of halachah is paved with actions of exquisite moral elegance. Take tzedakah, for instance. Most people aren't aware of it, but every major charity in this country structures its campaigns after the model established by Jewish charities.

Shabbat is the single most ecologically sound and extensive communal action on the planet. The laws of kashrut pertaining to permitted and

forbidden animals enabled our ancestors to do that which even today is an almost insurmountable task: support a large and rapid increase in population in a limited geographical area without causing ecological collapse. Memory shapes us differently than history. You can have history on a computer screen. You can't have memories on a computer screen.

Memories are in the heart. They're not simply recollections. "How we feel about it" is an illegitimate bias in historical research, but an absolute necessity as regards memory. Memories are to be found not at the interface of two digital communication devices; but rather at the interface of two sacred personalities.

Imagine what the next generation will experience, when the things they ought to remember are lost in a jumble of trivia; when history only goes as far back as the latest wifi connection; and when there was never time left for focused attention to the people who mean the most. What will there be for them to remember? And what kind of Judaism will we have if we are bereft of memory?

What can we do about it? Well, part of it is to get yourself and your kids off line, away from the TV, un-bluetoothed, de-iPodded, and disblackberried. Send out an e-mail to everyone you know saying: "Mazel tov, you've come to the end of the internet. No more sites to visit. Go talk to somebody."

But of course, that isn't going to happen. We live in a technological world in a technological age. So be it. There is still something we can do, something practical that can be summed up in two words: Pay attention. Pay attention to the great ideas that Judaism has brought into the world - because serving and disseminating them is the reason we were brought into the world in the first place.

Pay attention to your actions. Pay attention to your memories, the ones you have and the ones you make.

Religious Committee

Schedule of Services

Sunday	9:00 AM and 7:30 PM
Monday	7:30 PM
Tuesday	7:30 PM
Wednesday	7:30 PM
Thursday	7:30 AM and 7:30 PM
Shabbat	Friday 8:00 PM
Saturday	9:30 AM

Mincha/Ma'ariv and Havdalav

December 4	4:15 PM
December 11	4:15 PM
December 18	3:30 PM
	(*Seudah and Study*)
December 25	4:14 PM
	(Sundaes on Saturday)

What is a Seudah and Study?

Each Shabbat afternoon, we join the Cantor in the beautiful melodies of Mincha, we preview the next week's Torah reading.

Once a month, we enjoy the always yummy third meal of Shabbat, "Seudah Shilisheet", at the synagogue, and Rabbi Wolkoff leads a brief discussion (Study) of an interesting aspect of the weekly Torah portion, followed by the week-day evening service and the always moving

Havdalah.

Havdalah marks the end of Shabbat, and the service is usually over about one hour after the Shabbat Candlelighting time for that week.

We'd love to see you there!

Shabbat Candle Lighting Times:

December 3	4:14 PM
(Light Chanukkah before Shabbat candles)	
December 10	4:13 PM
December 17	4:15 PM
December 24	4:18 PM
December 31	4:23 PM

Chanukkah

The first night of Chanukkah is December 1st. When lighting your Chanukkah candles, say the Shehechianu blessing on the first night.

Chanukkah candles are lit before Shabbat on Friday evening and after Havdalah on Saturday evening.

It is traditional to use longer burning candles on Friday night so that they are still burning on the next day.

To help your candles burn slower, you can place them in the freezer for an hour before you light them.

Thank G-D IT'S Friday (night) Time for Rest....Community....Reflection

Please join us as we welcome Shabbat every Friday night at 8:00 pm followed by Kiddush, where you can meet old friends and make some new ones



The Newsletter of
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Eighty Nine

Many years had passed me by, I counted 87
Old friends had gone, and hopefully gone to
heaven

New friends I found, young and hearty
With joy of life, they love to party

We gather at times to visit and talk
About events and life's short walk

With every year that I pass a birthday
I still have reasons to call them mirthday

My walk is firm and my hand still steady
For some new project, I guess I'm ready

The months spun by at a dizzying rate
Before I was ready, I was eighty eight

While God has blessed me with many years
And has given me strength to deal with fears,

That sometimes come with passing time
But, to my delight, I passed eighty nine

Another fall and winter and spring, and then
If I'm still blessed, I'll pass four score and ten.

Aaron Rosloff
October 2010

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The Yahoo groups are a great way to get your message out to your fellow congregants.

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- a) Do not post on Shabbat.
- b) Attachments of any kind are not permitted
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Website:

Many congregants ask for things to be posted on the website when, in fact, what they really want is to send a message to the congregation (via email). Our website is filled with information on every facet of the synagogue, from upcoming and current events to photo albums and memorials.

Things should be posted on the web as well, so people can find your information when they are actively looking for it.

Further information and explanations can be found under the Communications section of our website in the "About Us" category.

Gary Bergman,
Webmaster



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NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS



Phyllis Deneberg, Director

Last month, the Pre-K voted on Election Day. They had the opportunity to vote for the snack of the day. Their choice was either cheese crackers or animal crackers.

Please refer to the pictures to see the results of this very close race!



The Nursery Classes celebrated Thanksgiving in their own special way. The 2 ½'s, 3's and Pre-k classes prepared a yummy feast that was shared with their families in the social hall.

Thank you Mrs. Horn's class and Mrs. Castimore's class and their families for sponsoring the Thanksgiving feast.

The children made costumes, sang songs and everyone consumed the goodies that were prepared by the children. Thank you PAC parents for helping us set up and for preparing the side dishes.

Members from the Over 50 Club from Congregation Bnai Tikvah were our special guests.

In conjunction with their unit on Community Helpers, the 3's and Pre-K had many activities and guest speakers.

On Monday, December 1st, the Township of North Brunswick sent over many vehicles that help the community. Please check out our website for pictures.

The Pre-K will be going on a field trip to Magyar Bank on Route 27 on Thursday, December 9th. We intend on bringing all our tzedakah to be put into the coin counting machine to see how much tzedakah has been raised. Every Friday, in honor of Shabbat, tzedakah is collected.



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Nursery School Continued

On Wednesday, the 15, a dental hygienist will be visiting.

On Wednesday, December 22, a letter carrier will be coming.

The first night of Chanukah is Wednesday, December 1st.

All classes have made special projects for Chanukah. Many have learned the Brachot (blessings) for lighting the Menorah.

One of the Rabbis from Chabad will bring us an olive press to show us how olive oil is made and then used to light the Chanukah menorah.

On Thursday, December 2, the Pre-K class will be going to the Regency Heritage Nursing Home to sing for the residents. We hope to entertain 60 residents! The children will also draw pictures for the residents to hang up in their rooms. What Mitzvah children we have here! We are so proud of them!!

On Friday, December 3, we will be having our annual Chanukah Party. Residents from Stein Assisted Living will be our guests. After being entertained by our talented children, Uncle John's Puppets will entertain us. Thank you Mrs. Winter's class for sponsoring the Chanukah refreshments. Thank you PAC parents for all your preparation.

December 6 will be Picture Day for the 3's and Pre-K. The 2 ½ year class will have pictures taken on February 7.

Reminder: School will be closed for Winter Break from Friday December 24 through Friday, January 1
Classes will resume on Monday, January 3

We wish you and your family a Happy Chanukah!

See you in 2011!.... Phyllis

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B'NAI TIKVAH YOUTH

KADIMA



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Thanks to all who attended and their families.



FEED THE CHILDREN

December 6

Synagogue Hanukkah Party. Details TBA in the weekly email soon.

December 10-11

Regional Shabbaton & Dance in Highland Park for those attending. Saturday night will be a Dance for those who are unable to attend the Shabbaton.

Parents must provide transportation.

If you are attending just the Dance, RSVP to me by 12/6.



December 16 (date changed)

Jewish Jeopardy in the Youth Lounge from 7-8:15 pm. Snacks will be served. RSVP by 12/13

January 16 (date changed)

Rock Climbing at Rockville Climbing Center, 200 Whitehead Road in Hamilton from 2-4 pm. The only cost to you is \$12 per Climber which also includes snacks & drinks. The Kadima Youth Fund will pick up all the remaining cost. Each Climber needs to have a parent fill out the waiver & hand in that day. It can be found on www.rockvilleclimbing.com

We will meet at Rockville. RSVP by 1/10.

All communication besides the Hakol articles each month will be going out through weekly emails. Please make sure if you change your email address during the year, let me know.

Contact me with questions or concerns throughout the year! Applications are available on <http://www.bnaitikvah.org/app-usy-kadima-2010-11.pdf> and always accepted.

Jordana Andersen (732) 422-7457

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B'NAI TIKVAH YOUTH



In the past month, N/S Brunswick USY has done some really great things. Firstly, five of our members attended Hagalil's Leadership Training Institute, where they learned some innovative ways to lead their community and get others involved.

On October 30th, we had a movie night where the USYers raised \$53 for Tikkun Olam! Here are some of the upcoming events – we look forward to seeing you there!



December 11th

Havdallah and a Movie at B'nai Tikvah. Come out and bet on which movie to watch. All money raised goes to Tikun Olam (repairing the world).

RSVP to Mat by Sunday December 5th.

December 18th

Membership Dance at Pine Brook, NJ. Come enjoy a fun evening of dancing and hanging out with all of your regional USY friends.

If you are interested in attending, and would like to take the bus please RSVP to Mat ASAP as spots are limited.



January 7-8

Youth Shabbat at B'nai Tikvah Members of N/S Brunswick USY will be assisting the Rabbi and Cantor in leading Shabbat services.

If you are interested in participating, contact Arielle Weg for more information.

If you would like to make a donation to the youth fund to help pay for Shabbat lunch please contact Mat Napchen for more information. We look forward to a great Youth Shabbat!

For more information or any questions refer to our Facebook page (North/South Brunswick USY) or feel free to contact me (Mat Napchen) at either NSBRUNSWICKUSY@gmail.com or (732) 754-6238.

WHEN WE WERE YOUNG, WE WERE TREATED AS MEN
(IN OTHER WORDS, TOLD TO ACT LIKE ADULTS);
NOW THAT WE HAVE GROWN OLD, WE ARE LOOKED UPON AS BABIES
Babylonian Talmud

CELEBRATION

Dear Friend:

In 2001, Congregation B'nai Tikvah was fortunate to have Cantor Bruce Rockman join us as our Cantor. In the past 10 years we have benefited from his love of music, his creativity in programming, and his passion for teaching.

We have also benefited from his wife Stacey's love, kindness and ability to fill our bellies with delicious food week after week. These are just a few of the many ways Cantor Bruce and Stacey have enhanced our community.

This year, in celebration of Cantor Bruce and Stacey's 10 years as an important part of our community, we are honoring them with a gala dinner on March 5, 2011.

We hope that you will help us honor them by placing a tribute in the tribute book. The book will be a compilation of thank you notes and good wishes for Cantor Bruce and Stacey.

The tribute book will be a full size 8 ½ X 11 book. If you purchase a space half page or greater, in addition to placement in the book, your name, business' name and contact information (if applicable) will be placed on the home page of our website. You will also be listed as a sponsor of the event on our LCD display prominently visible in the entrance to the synagogue.

This year, we have greatly reduced the cost of the tributes, in an effort to afford everyone the opportunity to take part.

We hope to have every family participate, as these two people have touched all of our lives in one way or another.

This is our chance to let them know just how special they are to our B'nai Tikvah family.

Tribute prices are as follows:

Full page (gold)	\$ 720
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Full page	\$ 360
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Please consider placing your tribute today. If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Zimmerman at
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We thank you, in advance, for your participation.

Sincerely,
 Tammy Zimmerman, Ruth Shindler and
 Renee Juro
 Co Chairs

Cantor (chazzan): leads the chanting of the service-but in our case so much more



So, how happy are the women of B'nai Tikvah Sisterhood???

Turns out we rated higher on the happiness scale than most groups!

As participants of the discussion, we were able to share with one another the things that make us happy. There was lots of laughter and "oh yeah, that's a good one" being called out while the lists were read.

The list included working in the garden, biking, running, looking at old photos, volunteering, happy kids, traveling, invitations, getting a good bargain, meeting new people, good health, having your family say thank you and recycling items such as clothes.

We were reminded of the importance of making time for ourselves, doing things we like and appreciating what we have.

So in that vein, **please join us for a fabulous project** where we will create fleece blankets with Debra Valan on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH, at 10AM.**

Then on **Sunday, Jan. 23, 2011**, please join us for a meeting with the **Men's Club**, incorporating team building and lots of fun. Facilitated by Scott Present from X-Treme Entertainment

SAVE THE DATE – Saturday, January 8th, 2011. PASSOVER POKER is back by popular demand! Look for our flyer on this edition of the Hakol for details and ticket information.

Our Annual Purim Carnival is coming in March. Look for information in our next edition of the Hakol.

Social Action- In the month of **December**, Sisterhood is collecting the following items for the South Brunswick Food Pantry and Social Services:

canned turkey gravy, canned cranberry sauce, canned sweet potatoes/yams/white potatoes, boxed mashed potatoes, boxed rice,

cornbread muffin mix, coffee, frozen turkeys, boxed brownies, cake mixes, icing, pie crust, and pie fillings such as pumpkin, apple etc. snack foods, cheese, stuffing, Parmalat/ boxed milk, prepared noodle and rice mixes, boxed macaroni and pancake mix and syrup, Jell-O/puddings, chicken broth .These items can be brought to any Sisterhood event or board meeting. Items may also be given to Caroline Scharf at anytime. Thank you for your support.

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Mitzvah Baskets

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Mazel Tosses

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Also great for an aufruf.

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“Hugs for Brady” Helping Kids with Cancer, One Hug at a Time...

By Becki Rosenthal

I would like to introduce everyone to a foundation that I recently learned about that touched my heart. It is called “Hugs for Brady”. This is named after Brady Michael Wells, a little boy from South Brunswick who passed away from a very rare form of leukemia / cancer just before his 2nd birthday.

“Hugs for Brady” was started by Brady’s parents with a goal for their organization; “dedication to helping all families who have children with pediatric cancer”. The mission is to support the children in any way possible.



From buying Holiday gifts to help in raising money for the Cancer Institute of New Jersey and the Bristol Myers Squibb Children’s Hospital fight the ongoing battle against pediatric cancer. Everything is in the pursuit to make the lives of the children with cancer better.”

I learned about “Hugs for Brady” when I was getting tutored this past summer. My tutor had to cancel a session to attend a funeral. When I saw her a few days later, she was still sad so I asked her whose funeral it was. She said “it was for my friends’ son Brady”. I asked what happened and how old was Brady.

My tutor told me Brady was not even a year old when he developed this rare cancer that the doctors did not even know about. She explained how his illness started as an ear infection with a fever, that spread to his eyes and from there it spread to his body. I also asked if she had a picture of Brady, which she did. Brady was very cute.

After she showed me the picture, we talked about how Brady and children like Brady are in the hospital and too sick to do many things. Brady’s parents always talked about how Brady and the other children loved to play with toys and games and it would brighten their day when someone was able to play with them.

Because of Brady, I learned that there are many kids sick in the hospital with pediatric cancer and they don’t get to see their brother, sister or friends. Like all kids, these children love playing games and toys with their parents to help brighten their days.

With the holidays approaching, I would love to get these children brand new toys, puzzles or games to play with.

The reason that I am talking about “Hugs for Brady” is, if I were one of these sick children, I would agree that my time in the hospital was tough and bringing me a toy, puzzle or game would make it easier and make me feel happier and possibly even better.

It must be pretty hard for a kid to live all the time in a hospital. I believe by receiving a new gift it would make the hospital feel a little more like home.

I can relate “Hugs for Brady” to my Dvar Torah, because my torah portion discusses how Joseph wrapped up all the food and donated it to the Jewish people in places that needed it.

I will be trying to do the same thing except instead of food it will be with the new toys, games and puzzles. I will wrap the donated items and use them to help decorate the bema for my Bat-Mitzvah for the Congregation to see their generosity, prior to delivering them to the hospital.

Just by donating one brand new toy, game or puzzle, you are brightening up a child’s life and I know for a fact that they are very thankful and are much happier.

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To quote the Wells “pediatric leukemia or any pediatric cancer is nothing short of pure evil. It has no soul, makes no sense and it must be stopped.”

The Hugs for Brady foundation was created to help ease the pain that this horrible disease causes to children. The children are both boys and girls, ranging in ages from newborn to twenty three years old.

Because these children are ill and susceptible to germs, all gifts must be brand new, never used or unwrapped. The items cannot be wrapped as a gift because the child life team needs to see what the gift is before they can give it to a child.

There will be toy pick-up at Congregation Bnai Tikvah on Sunday mornings to coincide with Hebrew School Drop Off.

Please contact Becki Rosenthal
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to schedule, please use “Hugs for Brady” in the subject line.

If you are interested in making a financial contribution please go to the

“Hugs for Brady” website:
www.hugsforbrady.org.

The Wells family, “Hugs for Brady” foundation and I thank you for your generosity and support.

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Babylonian Talmud, Eruvin 65b

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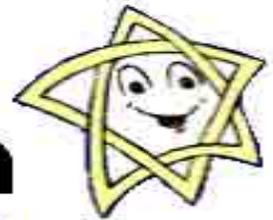
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Congregation B'nai Tikvah Religious School

December Religious School Update
by Shoshanna Schechter-Shaffin, Director

Chanukah is almost here and we have many special events and activities planned to mark this special holiday!

Along with working on Chanukah crafts and learning special Chanukah songs with our music teacher, many of our classes will be making latkes for the first time.

In addition, thanks to Terez our administrative assistant we have a brand new "Wall of Flame" menorah. Forms to purchase candles or flames are available either next to the "Wall of Flame" outside of the Sisterhood Gift Shop, outside of the religious school office, or online at www.bnaitikvah.org/wallofflame.html.

Wednesday December 1st-
Religious School first night of Chanukah candle lighting at the outdoor menorah at 5:45 pm with Cantor Rockman. Parents are invited to attend!

Sunday December 5th-
Religious School Chanukah Bowling Party at Stelton Lanes in Piscataway from 3-6pm.

Come for menorah lighting, bowling, Chanukah goodies and crafts, and so much more!
The cost is \$5 per person (over the age of 5) in advance and \$7 at the door.

To sign up online go to
<http://www.bnaitikvah.org/bowling.html>.

Tuesday December 7th-

Family Chanukah Candle lighting Party featuring Kol Tikvah, our religious school children's choir and the Sons of Tikvah band. Your children have been hard at work learning Chanukah songs with our music teacher Mrs. Cohen and will be performing! We hope to see you there!

Sunday December 12th-

Aleph Class JET parent program, the topic of discussion will be "What's In a Name? Jewish Goals for Our Children."

Bet Class Family Education Program with fiber artist Heather Stoltz.

Sunday December 19th-

Hei Class JET parent program, the topic of discussion will be "Where Do We Go From Here? Continuing Jewish Involvement Post Bar/Bat Mitzvah."

Chai School Brunch with the Rabbi

Sunday December 26th-

NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Wednesday December 29th-

NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Sunday January 2nd-

NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Wednesday January 5th-

religious school resumes

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Joint Nursery and Religious School Food Drive for Jewish Family Services

The JCC of North Nursery School and B'nai Tikvah Religious School proudly announce our first joint Mitzvah Program. Due to hard economic times, Jewish Families Services of Middlesex County is in dire need of non-perishable items for it's Kosher Food Pantry. While we focus on the food aspect, anybody who has unopened shampoo, toothpaste sample sizes and new toothbrushes from hotels or dentist visits are always welcome.

Receptacles will be placed outside of the religious school office and in the nursery school hallway.

Older students from the Religious School will then bring the items to JFS in Milltown where they will sort the items and stock the shelves. We are very excited about our united commitment to *Tikkun Olam* (repairing the world).

New JET II Programs starting in 2011

As many of you have noticed, this year our JET parent programs look quite different than they have in years past. Now in addition to spending some social nosh time together, I have been leading discussions on a variety of Jewish parenting topics such as "Creating Jewish Memories" and "The Spiritual Side of Bar/Bat Mitzvah" which are tailored to the issues affecting the specific ages of the children in each class.

After the final class JET meets on January 30th (2nd grade), we will stop offering class-specific JET programs and start our new special "Jet II" Jewish parenting education programs. They will be designed for all of our religious school parents regardless of the age of their children.

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There were ten of us who would receive awards that night. Among the other names were some whom I had never met, but whose names were well known to many as the movers and shakers of central New Jersey and beyond.

What moves us to do the things that help our culture to the benefit of others? Be it the State of Israel or the local food pantry, we as Jews are part of the culture of Tikun Olam – to heal the world.

I can't imagine doing anything so grand as to have much effect on the world, but I can't image doing nothing just because I can't do it all.

My sainted Bubba, my maternal grandmother, never left home without a book of raffle tickets to raise money for the Lechem Aniam (soup kitchen) or the Mosher Zekenim (old age home).

During the Great Depression years, she had a soap box wagon built so that she could go to the commercial bakery on Third Avenue in the Bronx, to collect day old bread to distribute to the poor. On other days, she collected clothes for the same clientele.

I cannot make claim to the heroic deeds of my Bubba. All I had to do was to make a five minute speech or to organize a ten dollar a ticket breakfast to get people to buy Israel Bonds.

It was slow going in the beginning. The first year that we sold bonds in Kendall Park we sold only \$300 worth. People protested that investing in Israel was too risky. Instead, some of my friends invested in safer places like Pan American Airways or Edsel Autos

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But it was never just for the returns that I bought Israel Bonds. It was, and is, to help strengthen that spunky little country. It's not so much that they need the money for infrastructure, but to show them American Jewry solidarity.

Underlying the obvious is the fact that our lives as Jews are affected by the strength of our ties with Israel, and the security of the status of Israel.

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Aaron Rosloff

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Saturday	Jan. 8th	Passover Poker
Wednesday	Jan.12th	Rabbi's Class
Friday	Jan.14th	Birthday Shabbat
Saturday	Jan.15th	Shabbat Shira
Sunday	Jan. 16th	Musical Program
Wednesday	Jan.19th	Rabbi's Class
Friday	Jan. 21st	Family Shabbat Dinner & Service
Saturday	Jan. 22nd	Seudah & Study
Saturday	Jan 29th	Texas Hold'em
Sunday	Jan 30th	Blood Drive

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Bikur Cholim



In Hebrew it means "visiting the sick" but, it encompasses a wide range of activities performed by a group or individual to provide comfort to those who are ill, homebound and/or otherwise in distress.

With the help of Rabbi Wolkoff, we have formed a small committee headed by Hilary Friedman & Jill Stone. The committee is meeting regularly with the rabbi to formulate a course of action to provide services and comfort to those, and their families, who are ill.

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Welcome New Religious School Families

What a great Shabbat dinner and service we had to welcome our new Religious School families.

In addition to great food, we had a great turnout and it was nice to meet our new families and reconnect with the ones we already knew.

Even more special was having our new Religious School Principal, Shoshanna Schechter-Shaffin, able to join us. It looks like a great start to a new beginning!

Tevye addresses G-d

"I realize, of course, that it's no shame to be poor, but it's no great honor either!"

From Fiddler on the Roof
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24 Kislev

December 2010

24 Tevet

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Candle Lighting 3rd 4:14 10th 4:13 17th 4:15 24th 4:18 31st 4:23			1 24 Kislev PAC Meeting EREV CHANUKAH First Candle	2 25Kislev Library Café 2nd Generation Meetiing CHANUKAH	3 26 Kislev Nursery Chanukah Party CHANUKAH	4 27 Kislev CHANUKAH
5 28 Kislev 2nd Grade JET Activity Chanukah Bowling Party Chanukah	6 29 Kislev Kadima Chanukah Event Board of Directors Chanukah	7 30 Kislev Book Club Chanukah Party Men's Basketball ROSH CHODESH Chanukah	8 1 Tevet Rabbi's Ad Ed Class ROSH CHODESH Last night of Chanukah	9 2 Tevet Library Café CHANUKAH Last day	10 3 Tevet Birthday Shabbat	11 4 Tevet USY Havdalah / movie BM: Becki Rosenthal
12 5 Tevet Family Ed Program Marketing Meeting	13 6 Tevet Sisterhood Board	14 7 Tevet 50+ Board Meeting Book Club Israel Stamp Club Youth Committee Men's Basketball	15 8 Tevet Who wrote the Bible?	16 9 Tevet Library Cafe	17 10 Tevet Family Shabbat Service FAST DAY	18 11 Tevet Seudah & Study BM: Renee Pettit
19 12 Tevet Chai School Brunch Sisterhood Meeting	20 13 Tevet Congregational Meeting	21 14 Tevt First Day of Winter College Coffee House Men's Basketball	22 15 Tevet Last day of Religious School Winter Break	23 16 Tevet Library Café Last day of Nursery School-Winter Break	24 17 Tevet Nursery School Closed	25 18 Tevet Sundaes on Saturday
26 19 Tevet	27 20 Tevet Israel Stamp Club Ritual Committee	28 21 Tevet 50+ Meeting Men's Basketball	29 22 Tevet	30 23 Tevet	31 24 Tevet	

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