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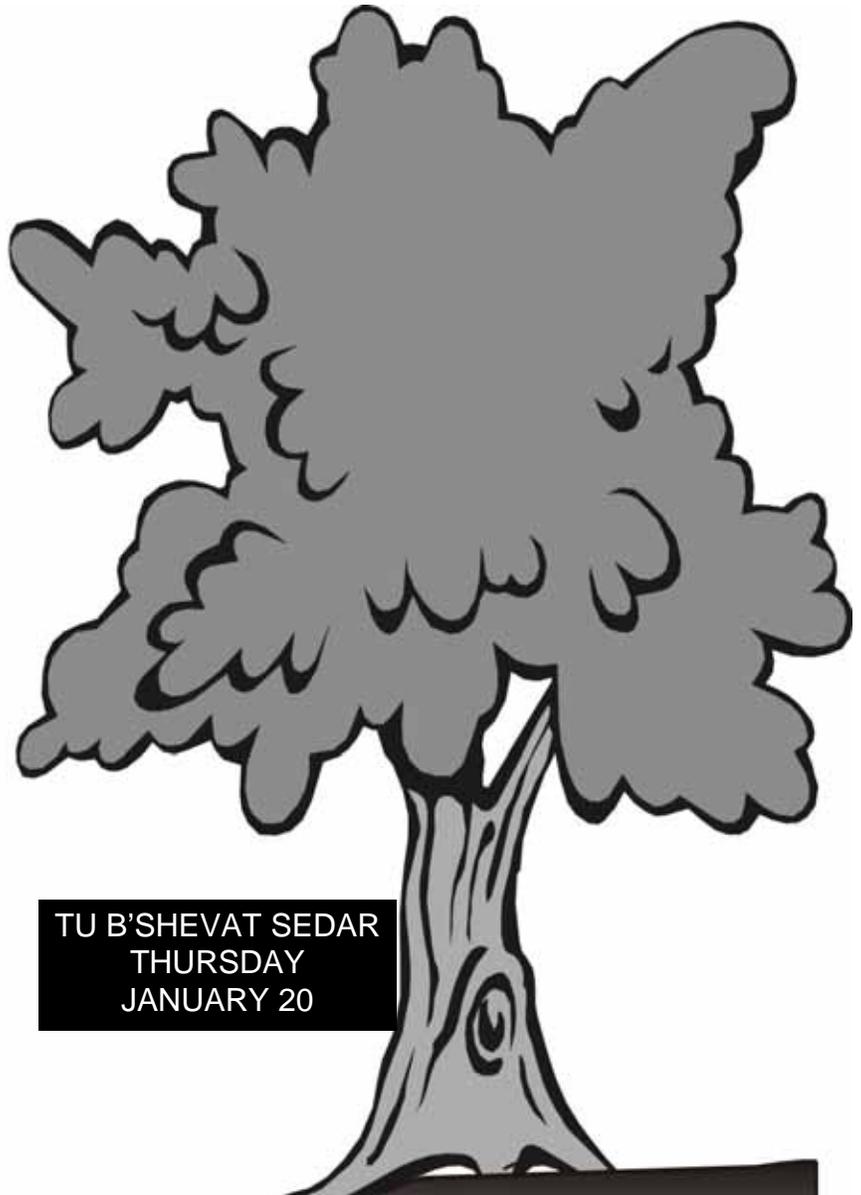
Our Mission: To foster a vibrant egalitarian Jewish community founded in the religious customs and traditions of Conservative Judaism; offering excellent Jewish education and community activities for all ages with commitment to Israel and Jewish communities throughout the world.

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**TU B'SHEVAT SEDAR
THURSDAY
JANUARY 20**

**Passover
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HOLD-EM
SATURDAY
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DRIVE
SUNDAY
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Time to Jew Up

A Message From Rabbi Robert Wolkoff

Virtually every week, we hear another nightmare story from Israel about rabbis behaving badly. Turning the *Kotel*, the Western Wall, into a Haredi synagogue. Declaring that it's all right to murder innocent non-Jews. Segregating men and women on buses.

And now, the latest disgrace, declaring that it is forbidden for Jews to rent property to non-Jews in Israel.

The good news is that, as usual, virtually everybody who is anybody in Israel condemned the rabbis who did this (who are, after all, a tiny island in a vast sea of black hat orthodoxy). But the bad news is that this is what we have come to expect from the incredibly insular, extreme right of the religious spectrum in Israel.

Why? One deliciously perverse explanation is that rabbis in Israel are free to say what they truly believe, as opposed to rabbis in the Diaspora, who need to worry about "the goyim." As Donniel Hartman (a brilliant Israeli thinker) wrote of this explanation, because of the establishment of the state of Israel, "Jews today can be uninhibited and free to finally descend to the moral insensitivity and bigotry to which we always aspired but were prevented from doing"

Which, of course, is nonsense.

The real reason for this craziness is the polarization of Jewish life. Almost the first thing we are taught in the Ethics of the Fathers is "be moderate in judgment." Our rabbinic ancestors knew that balance, rather than radical extremism, is the secret to our survival. But in a polarized Jewish society, there is no balance. So the extreme black hats can reinforce each others zealotry, forcing Judaism to descend into a frumer-than-thou maelstrom (just as the extreme secular academics can indulge in an orgy of unfettered self-hatred and corrosive "intellectual" critique of Israel and of Judaism).

From a spiritual perspective, the radical polarization of the Jewish community is one of the worst things to have happened to the Jewish people in modernity. We find ourselves today divided between those who are ritually oriented and those who aren't; those who are Jewishly educated and those that aren't; those who live in contact with "the real world" and those that live

in a self-imposed ghetto; and between those who face their Jewish future with confidence and enthusiasm and those who experience only fear and anger.

The result of this polarization is a disjointed, almost perverse, perception of reality. There was (perhaps) a time that Jewish communities acted in concert, their most radical elements tempered by the need to keep the community working together, their oddest perceptions tested and re-evaluated in the search for community consensus.

And what do we have in the absence of Judaism's traditional "strong center"? Weirdness. And not just any old weirdness, but disgraceful weirdness. Hateful weirdness.

Chillul Hashem weirdness.

There is perhaps a dim glimmer of a silver lining in this dark cloud of medieval obscurantism. It is a wakeup call to the vast majority of Jews, both in and outside of Israel, that we have no business offering our financial support and social capital to the cause of those whose views are anathema to us because they are "religious." They are *not* "religious." Bigotry and benightedness are not religious values. And it is a wakeup call to Conservative Jews in particular, whose task it is to represent Judaism's strong center, which combines awareness of the world with loyalty to tradition.

Time for us to Jew up!

From the desk of Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff

PS: Don't think for a second that I have forgotten the fact that the Palestinians, for decades, have forbidden *under penalty of death* the sale of land to Jews. Nor have I failed to note the hypocrisy of the world, that made front page news of the views of an ugly but small group of rabbis (is a group of rabbis a rabble?), but that ignores the official policy of the Palestinian Authority to make Palestine "judenrein".

It's just that a huge grotesque immorality on the other side does not justify even a small grotesque immorality on our side.

WE ASPIRE**By Cantor Bruce Rockman**

Winter vacations are upon us but people are still hungry, food collections such as the one sponsored by our nursery school continue. The Hanukkah season has passed but the message and our responsibilities as a people continues. We at B’nai Tikvah aspire to be a leading light in our community. Not only do we celebrate our religious freedom by making the point of lighting our menorahs in a bowling ally in Piscataway along side a big group of our friends, we remember that as Jewish people it is our responsibility to do acts of kindness. The fight for religious freedom that the Maccabees won enables us to live as Jews. Sure, you are free to practice any religion but we are responsible to live and embrace the values of our spiritual community.

Just prior to Hanukkah we were blessed and inspired by our scholar in residence, Dr. Ron Wolfson. I am thankful to all of our various contributors of funds and the donation of your time to the L’dor Vador Endowment. To honor the memory of their parents, a gift from Mark and Judy Roller, advocates for Jewish family education and advanced studies, has enhanced our ability, through their efforts we can explore the possibilities.

During the Sunday morning session, one of our students was overheard telling her parents that she heard a comedian today in religious school. Others said to me “we have to take this to the next level!” In his down to earth manor Dr. Ron Wolfson, our scholar in residence communicated that learning can be dynamic, relevant and fun! Ron engaged us, as few can, with his poignant and amusing “true stories” as he inspired us to rise as a spiritual community and strengthen our relationship with God.

B’nai Tikvah is a perfect place for a populist scholar like Ron Wolfson to extend his message, because we have already bought in to his welcoming philosophy. We are doing the work and in the process of doing even more. Whether it is a scholar or a performer, L’dor Vador will make you think and become more involved in the future of Jewish life.

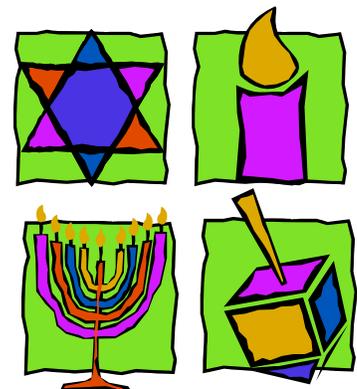
Over the last few weeks we witnessed the kindness of so many who organized and contributed holiday gifts for extremely needy families in our neighborhood. B’nai Mitzvah students continue to contribute to the greater good with their acts of loving kindness. Most recently Becki Rosenthal and her family organized a toy drive for “Hugs for Brady”, an organization that raises awareness for pediatric leukemia and other pediatric forms of cancer.

Although everything I write to you is personal, please allow me to express my deepest appreciation to you for your acts of loving kindness during our recent loss. Our family and Stacey in particular experienced the profound loss of Stacey’s father Henry Erlich, one of our anchors, may his memory be a blessing. Again, our shul was there to comfort another family through the tears of sorrow and helped to reminded us of memories of joyous times together. The beauty of our tradition through “shiva”, of seven days of intense mourning, was never clearer to us, as you participated in our family’s transition to a new reality. We feel so blessed that you were the ones who comforted us.

Just as our family is picking up the pieces following our loss, the world continues to rotate. Much is expected of us but nothing greater and more important than Jewish continuity. The work continues, and that too will be passed from generation to generation. How will we do this? Well, let’s check out what is behind the Next D’or. The children who we teach and inspire today will lead us to a most promising tomorrow.

With Joy and
Appreciation,

Cantor Bruce
Rockman



The Newsletter of
Congregation B'nai Tikvah
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SHIVA THANK YOU by STACEY ROCKMAN

Over the past ten years, I have seen letters and what almost seemed to me, testimonials, about the kindnesses that have experienced in our Bnai Tikvah community during times of need or loss. I suppose I have even taken part in those kindnesses, by holding people's hands, making shiva visits and the like, but until this fall I really did not "get it."

Over the past few months, as I experienced some of the most difficult times of my life, my Bnai Tikvah family has come out in force. You have made sure I had child care help and pounds of pasta to eat. You made phone calls, sent me emails and texts and never let me sit alone at services. You have offered me good counsel and strong shoulders. You have helped me with the practical and the emotional. I have been protected by a warm blanket that is my community. Over and over again I have told people how blessed I feel to be a part of such a great family.

The shiva experience was particularly amazing.

My house was full the entire week. Minyan time (both morning and evening) had standing room only. My house was taken over by crews of people who gave of their time to help me through mine. When the house was finally empty the last morning of shiva, I did not feel a sense of relief, just a sense of where is my security blanket going? But as the days have passed, the support has not. You continue to be my people, and I am so proud to be a part of this family.

In my father's memory, and in honor of you, I would like to start a shiva committee. This committee will help to organize people for things like the food set up and clean up and make sure that the mourner need not worry about the details. It will be a kindness that many will be able to continue paying it forward. Please contact me if you are interested at 732-422-0963

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Birth



We love to send these announcements of Mazel Tov with details of name, weight, and date of birth. Also provide names of the parents and siblings. A picture would be nice if the baby agrees to pose.

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If you're sure you want to go through with this, send your announcement with parent's names, photo, and a link to your gift registry to the synagogue

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Cantor Bruce and Stacey Rockman have touched our lives in so many ways. Leading services. Cooking sessions. B'nai Mitzvah lessons. Music. Joy. Spirit. Love.

Isn't it time that we give a little back? And have a little fun while we're at it?

Join us on Saturday night, March 5th for a wonderful evening of dinner, dancing and music. Invitations should be arriving in the mail very soon! Just complete and return the reply card. If you can't wait for the invitation, go to www.bnaitikvah.org/event.html and reply online!

Reply by January 18th for discount tickets!

Put a note in the Tribute Book and let the Rockmans know you appreciate how much they've done for B'nai Tikvah.

Place an ad in the Tribute Book to advertise your company or to get more space for your tribute. Or, join with friends for a group ad.

All details are in the invitation and online at www.bnaitikvah.org/event.html. Of course, you can always contact Phyllis Safeer, Event Chairperson at PBJSR@comcast.net.

This event is a great way to show some people who are very important to our shul how much you appreciate them and to give much needed support! This is a major fundraiser that keeps dues down and funds many great programs.

And remember...Life is delicious!



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If you are already a customer, please let them know immediately. Rosanna is our contact at the branch location on Route 27. We have instructed our office staff to notify TD Bank whenever checks coming in for dues or other obligations are drawn from TD Bank.

If you have any questions or need additional information, feel free to reach out to Rosanna at TD Bank, 732-951-0517, or email me at studeballen@gmail.com.

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January 30 @ 2:00- 3:30
Program for students Grades 3-5

Know Your Parent, Know Your Child Game Show! is a special B'nai Tikvah's event especially for students in Grades 3-5. (We hope to have a few more events through the year for this age group.)

Our game show is based on the legendary Newlywed Game. Student/Parent teams will be tested on their ability to answer questions as their partners would answer them. Lots of fun! Game host will be Barry (Eubanks) Safeer. Snacks served.

Free, but RSVP required by January 23 to dacohen99@optonline.net or 732-821-4376.



2011 Marks the 60th Anniversary of United Synagogue Youth!

USY Turns 60! How long has it been since you've been a member of USY? This year, reconnect with USY friends and get involved in Jewish youth programming! Consider making a donation to B'nai Tikvah Youth Fund or to these funds <http://www.projectreconnect.org/donate/usy60funds> Follow the USY at 60 on Facebook: <http://facebook.com/USY60>

Spread the word about local, regional and international USY programs to family and friends.

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Saturday, January 8th, 2011. PASSOVER POKER is back by popular demand! Look for our flyer on this edition of the Hakol for details.

Sunday, Jan. 23, 2011, 10:00 AM - Even if you've never attended a Sisterhood or Men's club event you don't want to miss this high energy, intellectually challenging event! Scott Present, founder of Entertainment Extreme will create teams and facilitate fun, yet competitive games designed to promote camaraderie between participants. Get out of your comfort zone and enjoy a morning of breakfast and competition!

Social Action - The Social Action collection for the month of January is for the Ronald McDonald House in New Brunswick. They are in need of the following items: \$5.00 Gift Cards (Target, Shop Rite, Stop & Shop), individual snack packs of cookies, 100 calorie packs, Nutrigrain bars, juice boxes, and individual bags of chips, raisins, and single serve cereal packs. As always these items can be brought to any Sisterhood event or given to Caroline Scharf at any time. Thank you for your continued support!

Sunday, February 13th at 10:00 AM, The entire congregation is invited to Sisterhood's program featuring Andrew Silow-Carroll, Editor of the New Jersey Jewish News, who will be here to discuss:

"If I am not for myself, *blah blah blah*: Balancing people-hood and *Tikkun Olam*"
We will explore the tension between Jewish "people-hood" -- supporting Israel and rallying around Jewish crisis -- and Jewish activism that focuses on universal causes like hunger and poverty. Are groups like the American Jewish World Service and phenomena like "Eco-Torah Tours of Costa Rica" signs of a healthy Jewish community, or symptoms of its decline?

Andrew Silow-Carroll is editor-in-chief of the *New Jersey Jewish News*. the managing editor .a reporter for the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.
From 1996-1998 he lived in Israel as a Jerusa-

lem Fellow, an international program in Jewish education. Later he was a Spielberg Fellow and director of communications of Clal-The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership. He is an alumnus of Leadership New Jersey, a civic and political seminar programming for emerging state leaders. He lives in Teaneck, N.J. with his wife and three children, and sings in Tavim, acappella choir.



Join us for a meeting with food and fun at Whole Foods supermarket in March. Details to follow.

Gift Shop

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Purim Baskets

Let Sisterhood help you continue the tradition of Mishloach Manot - sending baskets of goodies to family and friends for Purim. Ordering Purim Baskets is easy. Look for our mailing in January or check the website: <http://www.bnaitikvah.org>. Deadline for ordering is **February 8, 2011**. Any questions please call Andrea Katz 732-329-0687

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Your Torah Fund contribution strengthens and perpetuates Conservative Judaism throughout the world. For information on ways you can support Torah Fund, contact Ann Rosenzweig, 732-249-9141.

Mitzvah Baskets

Having a B'nai Mitzvah or other simcha? Let Sisterhood decorate the bima with two non-perishable food baskets that match your color scheme! We also deliver the baskets for use at other synagogues so tell your local friends about this service! For more information or to order your bima baskets please contact Andrea Katz: macysmommm@aol.com or 732-329-0687.



Phyllis Denenberg, Nursery School Director

New Mommy and Me and Toddler Fun classes are starting Tuesday, January 4th.

Parents, grandparents and caregivers are welcome. Do you or anyone you know watch a grandchild during the day while your son and or daughter is at work? Want socialization for both you and your grandchild? Come to B'nai Tikvah/JCC of North & South Brunswick Nursery School for Mommy & Me (parents/grandparents/caregivers and children aged 12-24 months) or Toddler Fun Club (child/parent/grandparent/caregiver separation class for children 24 months to 30 months).

The Mommy & Me program runs every Tuesday from 11:00 AM-12:00. The Toddler Fun Class runs Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:15-10:45 AM. Morah Mindy has room available in her classes. There is a discount for Bnai Tikvah members. The application can be found on the Bnai Tikvah website on the homepage and on the Nursery homepage.

Come for a tour, or if you have any questions email me at nursery@bnaitikvah.org, or call me at 732-297-0295 extension 22.

Please support our school. Our next fundraiser will begin on Friday, January 14th, Little Lambs cookies. The frozen cookie dough is divided into cookie size portions.

When your family craves home baked cookies, all you have to do is pop them into the oven and they are ready in 10 to 12 minutes! New this year: cheesecakes too!

School is closed Monday January 17th in honor of Martin Luther King's Birthday.

This year, Tu B'Shevat falls on Thursday, January 20th. We will be celebrating Tu B'Shevat (the birthday of the trees) in school on Friday, January 21st. A special guest visitor will arrive that day.

Hatchlings will be delivered by Quiver Farms to our school on the 24th. The incubator will be in my office if you want to stop by and watch the miracle of life!



Registration for school (2011-2012) begins this month.

The schedule is as follows:

Monday January 10th –

registration for current students

Monday January 31st –registration for the community at large

Register by Monday February 14th and get our Super Early Bird Special!

For those families whose children attend school 5 full days, 9:00 AM-3:15 PM, there will be monthly discount on tuition.

Registration for our **summer day camp** will be next month, February 7th. We are trying to make it easier for parents by staggering the registrations. **Register for camp by February 28th and save \$50.00 off the registration fee.**

Until next month..
Phyllis

CHANUKAH PARTY AT B'NAI TIKVAH

Pictures from Tuesday, December 7



Hanukkah Candle Lighting Party.

The students of our religious school, under the direction of Marilyn Cohen, perform with The



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B'NAI TIKVAH YOUTH



January 8

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January 16

Rock Climbing at Rockville Climbing Center, 200 Whitehead Road in Hamilton



from 2 -4pm. 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. Parents who want to volunteer to help, please let me know. 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.

January 22

Regional Saturday Night Live event at B'nai Tikvah! Don't miss out since we are hosting. Details to follow in our weekly emails. RSVP by 1/17. Parents who want to volunteer to help, please let me know.

January 23

Ice Skating at Pro Skate, 1000 Cornwall Rd , Monmouth Junction from 1-3 pm.

The cost is \$7.



Invite your Hagalil friends.
RSVP by 1/17

February 10

Chill Night in the Youth Lounge from 7-8pm. Snacks will be served. Bring a game or just come to relax w/ your Kadima friends.

All communication besides the Hakol articles each month will be going out through weekly emails. Please make sure to let me know if you change your email address during the year. Contact me with questions or concerns throughout the year! Applications are available on [app-usy-kadima-20http://www.bnaitikvah.org/10-11.pdf](http://www.bnaitikvah.org/10-11.pdf) and always accepted.

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B'NAI TIKVAH YOUTH



USY is a great way for Jewish Teens to meet each other, become friends, and participate in fun events together. If you are interested in becoming a member contact Mat Napchen for information on how to join.

Here are some of our upcoming events – we look forward to seeing you there!

January 5th – College 101 7:30-9:30PM
B'nai Tikvah

✦Come take part in a panel discussion of a number of college students to hear what its like to live a Jewish life on a college campus. If you are interested in attending, or would like more information please contact Mat

January 7-8 Youth Shabbat
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, or if you are interested in volunteering please contact Mat Napchen for more information. We look forward to a great Youth Shabbat!



January 9th – Snow Tubing Trip

Camelback Mountain Resort – 11:30 AM- 8 PM
✦North/South Brunswick USY is going snow tubing!! We will be leaving from B'nai Tikvah at 11:30, the approximate cost is \$25 per person.

Please RSVP to Mat Napchen by January 2nd.

January 15th– Hagalil SA/TO Dance – Morristown, NJ

Do you miss your regional USY friends? The SA/TO dance is a great way to see your friends, and make new ones. If you would like a spot on the bus RSVP to Mat ASAP, as spots are limited.

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

2010 L’DOR VADOR ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

A WEEKEND TO REMEMBER

On November 19, 2010, a man walked into our synagogue for the very first time. Without knowing a soul, he introduced himself to each person there until he had shaken hands and shared his smile with everyone who had come for Shabbat dinner.

Who was this man?

His name was Ron Wolfson, our Scholar in Residence for the 4th Annual L’dor Vador Endowment for the Arts program. The 400 plus people, who gathered over the weekend at 4 different times, will never forget meeting Ron, and the message he came to share. Be Welcoming, Be Honest, Be Compassionate, Be a Blessing, Be Yourself (and a whole lot more...)

Thank you to our generous Benefactors, Patrons and Donors who made this year’s L’dor Vador program possible. The mission of the L’dor Vador Endowment is to breathe life and personal meaning into the words, L’dor Vador, generation to generation. The Benefactors of the endowment had a goal to create vibrant and memorable programs with extraordinarily talented individuals to be shared with members of our Jewish community. In making these events happen they honor in loving memory parents, who taught them strong Jewish values, and to pay it forward to the next generation, their children, with the hope of continuing this legacy.

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There will be a New Years party on Tuesday, December 28th. All are welcome!

ANNUAL MISLOACH MANOT SALE

Look in your mailbox for Sisterhood's Annual Mishloach Manot sale. Your support of our Mishloach Manot Fundraiser will enable Sisterhood to continue Our sponsorship and support of USY and Kadima, the youth groups of B'nai Tikvah.



CBT PARENT AND STUDENT COLLEGE 101 INVITATION



Calling all High School Students and their Parents

Do you have questions about:

*Starting the whole college experience?
What to look for when visiting colleges?
College applications & essays?
What the college freshman year is really like?*

Then join us for:

College Life 101

When: Wednesday January 5, 2011

Time: 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. (following minyan)

Students will meet in the Youth Lounge (B'nai Tikvah)

A panel of college students from B'nai Tikvah with varied college experiences will answer questions about what life is really like on campus. Everything you always wanted to know about college life, but didn't know who to ask.

Parents will meet in Room 13 (Religious School wing)

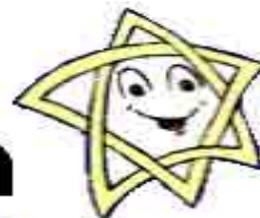
A panel of B'nai Tikvah parents with college students in a variety of colleges will answer questions about the college application process as well as the challenges and excitement of the college freshman year.

Refreshments will be served.



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Congregation B'nai Tikvah Religious School

January Religious School Update

By Shoshanna Schechter-Shaffin, Director

I want to take a moment to thank Rabbi Wolkoff, Cantor Rockman, the religious school parent committee, our amazing religious school staff, and all the parent volunteers that helped to make a wonderful Chanukah experience for our children this year. We couldn't have done it without you!

Believe it or not, Passover is just around the corner. With Passover comes the Religious School Passover Barton's candy sale! Look for candy order forms in either the main office or religious school office. We will also be sending home order forms with our students.



In order to prepare our students for Passover this year we will be having a Grand Mock Seder on April 10th. This will be a very large event and we are forming a parent volunteer committee to help plan and facilitate the program. The first meeting date for this committee will be on **Sunday January 30th at 11am.**

Important Date Changes:

Mitzvah Day for Bet, Gimmel, Dalet, and Hei has been moved from Sunday January 9th to Sunday March 6th.

Parent Teacher Conferences for Aleph-Hei will be on Wednesday evening February 16th as originally scheduled on the CBT calendar.

Upcoming January Dates:

Saturday January 1st
No Junior Congregation

Sunday January 2nd
No Religious School-Winter Break

Wednesday January 5th
Religious School resumes

Sunday January 16th
No Religious School- MLK Weekend

Wednesday January 19th
Tu B'shvat program for Alef-Hei, parent volunteers needed! E-mail Shoshanna if you can come and help!

Sunday January 23rd
Alef Naming Ceremony at 10:45am in the main sanctuary.

Chai School Brunch with the Rabbi

Sunday January 30th
2nd Grade JET parent program

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B'Nai Tikvah's Annual Fund Raiser Event

L'CHAIM!

Celebrating Cantor Bruce & Stacey Rockman

10 Years of Life
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Saturday, March 5, 2011

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YashAr Koach

Did you ever notice the glow of folks when they descend from the *bimah* after having received an honor? We can multiply that effect by the simple act of saying **yashar koach** (literally straight strength, which reflects the medieval practice of reading the Torah, in which the reader was required to hold the Torah upright with the text visible to the congregation) when the honoree is near your seat. Strictly speaking, this is a masculine form of the congratulatory phrase. Some, but not all, people use the feminine form (**yashar kocheych**) when expressing the same sentiment for a woman, and **yashar koch'chem** when addressing a group of people (sort of a Jewish *y'all*). If possible, a handshake should accompany this (a fist bump or high five for the younger generation can be substituted). If you are not near the person during the service, congratulations can be given during the kiddush or Oneg. This act is especially meaningful when addressed to a visitor or newcomer to Congregation B'nai Tikvah.

Try it the next time you are in *shul*! By the way, if you are the recipient of a *yashar koach*, the proper response (if speaking to a man) is **baruch tihyeh** or (if speaking to a woman) **barucha tihiyi** ("may you be blessed"), although a "thanks" or "*todah*" will do in a pinch.

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 Havdalah

January 1 (Sundays on Saturday) 4:15 PM
 January 8 4:30 PM
 January 15 4:30PM
 January 22 4:00 PM (*Seudah and Study*)
 January 29 4:45 PM

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 weekday evening service and the always moving Havdalah. The study topic for January 22 will be "Are there other gods? What do the 10 Commandments say?" 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!

Candlelighting times:

January 7 4:29 PM
 January 14 4:36 PM
 January 21 4:44 PM
 January 28 4:53 PM

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:

Full page (gold)	\$ 720
Full page (silver)	\$ 540
Full page	\$ 360
Half page	\$ 218
Quarter page	\$ 154
Business card	\$ 118
Well Wisher (up to 3 lines)	\$ 54

To add a tribute, please email your camera-ready art (PDF preferred or Word Doc) to Renee Juro at rsjuro@verizon.net

Your tax-deductible donation will not only benefit our community, but put smiles on the faces of two very special people.

Please consider placing your tribute today. If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Zimmerman at tzimmerman6@gmail.com or 732-398-1420.

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

Another Viewpoint The Peddler

Like the photographers who worked the streets of New York with a little pony and took pictures of children sitting on the pony for family albums, there were other trades and businesses that have since disappeared in this age of high tech and mega retail stores. The depressed economics of the late 1920s and 1930s forced people to look for any legal or (illegal) means to pay the rent and buy food. One of these entrepreneurial enterprises was called customer peddling.

Aunt Helen was a customer peddler. The customer peddler would go to your home with a bundle of sheets, pillowcases and towels, from which you could pick out what you needed or wanted (actually, few people brought what they wanted, they bought only what was strictly needed). If you wanted blue and the peddler had pink, the peddler would come back with the bundle the next week and schlep it up the four flights again and hope that the customer would be satisfied with the new presentation.

Payment was another matter. It was almost always on the installment plan. There were no charge cards then, and charge accounts at major stores were only for the financial elite. If you were to see a Macy's ad from 1935, today, you would be impelled to laugh. For about five bucks you could buy sheets, pillows, and pillowcases for a double or twin beds. Don't like your pillow stuffing? I remember a store in the Bronx where for a few cents they would aerate the feathers in your pillow, or, if you preferred, for a bit more they would replace them with new goose down.

Seldom did the housewife have enough cash to pay for the new purchase. The honor system was the basis for most transactions. Most new clients were obtained by word of mouth (go see

my cousin Gussie in Flatbush). So if you got a referral for a friend or relative, chances were that the new customer was good for the money, otherwise word would get back to the referrer and that would not look good for the family. The buyer and seller would agree on a mode of payment and the peddler would return weekly or monthly to show something else like maybe a new towel set or a table cloth.

Today we would call this the underground economy. Actually, as far as the government was concerned, very few of these entrepreneurs made enough money to pay taxes anyway, but it did help to pay the rent and the local grocer, who often ran a book with each page showing a customer's name and current account.

Sometimes it became an ongoing game. As the purchases were made on credit, and almost none of the transactions were on paper, a peddler had to be careful not to extend too much credit or risk going broke or not being able to pay their wholesaler. It was a tough way for a middle aged woman to make a living.

I read in the financial paper that more and more people today are becoming individual entrepreneurs after they are let out from a steady 9 – 5 job, with almost no hope of getting the same kind of work again soon. Even the great malls are shutting down, and the few family run grocery, hardware and dry goods stores are as quaint as the horse and buggy. But with individuals looking for ways to pay their expenses while they wait for the economy to turn around again, who knows, the customer peddler may see the light again.

Aaron Rosloff

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Chanukah Bowling Party **Scores a Turkey!**

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The bowling alley was abuzz with activity that day. The sounds of people chatting, pins smashing and bowling balls clanging blended euphoniously with Chanukah music playing non-stop from the alley's sound system. Beautiful chanukiyot adorned every table and the smells of warm latkes filled the air. Rabbi Wolkoff and Cantor Rockman led us in the Chanukah blessings and a beautiful rendition of Ma' Otzur that was truly special.

The continued success of the Chanukah bowling party was due to the amazing efforts of the Religious School Committee, who spearheaded the event for the synagogue. First and foremost, special thanks are owed to Alan and Ilene Miller, who were able to get almost 100% of the food for the party donated. In addition to securing the food donations, Alan spent several hours driving throughout the state to pick up the food from various vendors. Alan then spent a few more hours the morning of the party frying latkes, which he was able keep warm in hot boxes he had borrowed until the time they were served. Ilene spent her time at the party serving all the food, and making sure food was always available during the entire party. The Millers' efforts is one of the main reasons why this year's party was a great success.

Many thanks go out to our clergy, Rabbi Wolkoff and Cantor Rockman, for leading us in prayer and song; Andrew Cohen, for organizing the lane assignments in advance of the party and for handling the check-in process at the party, which made the event run smoothly; the Sisterhood, for donating the beautiful platter from the Sisterhood gift shop as a raffle for the party; Elisa Berness, for getting the tickets for the 50/50 fundraiser; the beautiful girls from the Hei Class, Rachel Allen, Emma Becker, Marley

Cohen and Anna Hoffman, for selling Smencils and signing up Sponsor-A-Pin sponsors to support the Religious School; Cantor Rockman and Farrah Cukor, for taking photographs; Lynne WeissMarshall, for securing some of the latkes donations; Shoshanna Schecter-Shaffin, our fabulous new Religious School Director, for her support of the event, and her many efforts in spreading the word about the party through CBT e-mail, Facebook and Twitter; Gary Bergman, our Webmaster extraordinaire, for his efforts to broadcast the party on the CBT website and the synagogue's LCD, and for setting up the PayPal account; and our President Ruth Anne Koenick, Vice President Jeff Schwartz, and Board Member Aaron Rosloff, for their continued support of the event by joining us for the celebration. At B'nai Tikvah, You Can...always find an exciting program or event to enrich your life. For those of you who could not make this year's Chanukah bowling party, you can see what you missed by checking out the CBT website, www.bnaitikvah.org. We hope Chanukah this year was truly special for you, and we wish you all good health, peace, and happiness in 2011!

B'shalom,
Lauren Cohen & Debbie Allen
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Friday	Feb 18th	Family Shabbat Service
Saturday	Feb 19th	Seudah & Study
Saturday	Feb 19th	Kadima Lock- in
Saturday	Feb 19th	USY Rock-A-Thon
Sunday	Feb 20th	No Religious School
Monday	Feb 21st	Office/School closed
Monday	Feb 21st	Presidents' Day
Saturday	Feb 25th	Gimel Class Ser Shabbat Dinner

**B'NAI MITZVAH
January 2011**



Philip Kfare
Son of
Steven and Marcie Kfare

January 22

BAR and BAT MITZVAH

Bar Mitzvah means "son of the commandment." Bat mitzvah means "daughter of the commandment." They are now old enough to keep a fast day, to be responsible for any vow that they may make and to exercise self-control. The boy receives this status at the age of 13; the girl at the age of 12 plus one day. Bat mitzvah celebrations started in France and Italy before moving to other Countries.

Q. What's worse than Daytime TV? A. Watching it from a hospital bed.

A newly formed Bikur Cholim Committee was put together this past summer, closely overseen by Rabbi Wolkoff. The idea was born from a need to support the members of our synagogue who are experiencing any type of illness, as well as the family members of those who are ill.

We are prepared to visit with patients and/or their families, organize volunteers to help with things including but not limited to: visiting the hospital, delivering meals, dropping off or picking up kids, visiting the home and more.

The rabbi typically receives information first but often, people neglect to inform the synagogue until after the need for our services have passed. A special email group is setup for this purpose. If you know of someone who is ill or if you have information to share in confidence, please write to bikur@bnaitikvah.org and we will respond.

Confidentiality is of the utmost importance. The committee will discuss individual situations with the rabbi before deciding what the role of each committee member will be to aid them.

At minimum, a Get Well card is sent to the home of the patient. A committee member will reach out to the contact person of the patient to help determine the needs of the family. Do they want a visit at the hospital, do they need a meal, are there children involved? These are just a few of the many questions we ask to be of service. There are times when simply talking on the phone with a family member may be enough and they are thankful we are here and have offered our ear, our words of comfort and support, and our time.

Although we are a tightly bound group who communicate regularly to ensure the consistency in what we provide, we are not offering a cookie-cutter service. Each situation is completely individual and is treated accordingly. Some families need more than others and each patient has their own preference as to how involved they would like us to be.

We recently acquired some laptop computers equipped with DVD drives and wireless access. If the hospital room is equipped (as many now are) with wireless access, you can watch movies or your favorite TV shows on-demand via a Netflix account donated by one of our members. So if you're stuck in a small room with no one to talk to, at least you won't have to endure daytime TV.



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Many people are familiar with AOL's Instant Messenger a.k.a. "IM" but, some people use different or incompatible systems, such as Yahoo Messenger, ICQ, GoogleTalk, and the one that comes free with every Windows computer: MSN Messenger.

Now Facebook has added to the mix by introducing their own IM known as "Facebook Chat". Each of these systems adds to the overhead of running a Windows computer and contributes to the general slowness experienced by many users.

A neat solution is a program called "Digsby", which, by itself is more efficient

than any of the ones previously mentioned and supports ALL of them.

Digsby gives you one combined buddy list for all your AIM, MSN, Yahoo, ICQ, Google Talk, Jabber, and Facebook Chat Accounts. It also works with your existing email and twitter accounts, allowing you to update your status everywhere at the same time with one click.

Digsby combines IM, Email, and Social Networks in one easy to use application. This program is a "must have" if you generally engage in any type of IM or video chat.

Go to www.digsby.com to learn more about this free Windows program.

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Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program for Children with Special Needs

Masorti's Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program for Children with Special Needs has been recognized by one of Israel's foremost national social service organizations working to support and highlight the needs of individuals with disabilities.

The Masorti program – unique in Israel – has won the coveted 2010 Shalem Foundation Excellence Prize, awarded each year to a project, program or staff benefiting this population. The Shalem Foundation was established in 1983 by the Center of Local Authority in collaboration with the Ministry of Welfare.

In accordance with the Shalem Foundation's vision to integrate those with cognitive challenges and disabilities into mainstream life, the Masorti program offers Israeli special needs youngsters and their families the only avenue to celebrate this Jewish lifecycle event and thus experience the joy of full acceptance by Jewish community.

Within Orthodox congregations, there is an absence of any formal bar/bat mitzvah prepara-

tion for children with special needs, and they are marginalized by Orthodox religious authorities.

The Shalem Foundation described the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program for Children with Special Needs as an innovative model and a breakthrough, citing its role in pioneering the development and utilization of state-of-the-art alternative communications devices, such as computerized sound kits; sign language for Torah reading; and visual pedagogy. In addition to readying youngsters for group bnai mitzvah, which take place in Masorti kehillot, the program also provides a course of Jewish enrichment, lasting three to six months, through the special needs schools the children attend. Eligible children are identified by their schools, and the Masorti movement provides all services, including teacher training, at no cost to the schools or to the families

To learn more, please contact:
Masorti Foundation for Conservative Judaism in Israel
475 Riverside Drive, Suite 832

MEN'S CLUB

Men's Club/Sisterhood joint meeting Sunday, January 23rd, 10am

Please join us for our annual Men's Club/Sisterhood joint meeting. We promise a lot of fun so even if you've never attended a sisterhood or men's club event you don't want to miss this high energy, intellectually challenging event!

Scott Present, founder of Entertainment Extreme will create teams and facilitate fun, yet competitive games designed to promote camaraderie between participants. Get out of your comfort zone and enjoy a morning of breakfast and competition.

Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs 11th Annual World Wide Wrap Sunday, February 6th at 9am

Wrappers unite!!! Please join Rabbi Wolkoff, Cantor Rockman, CBT Men's Club and congregations around the world as we teach the mitzvah of wrapping tefillin. The largest tefillin festival on earth, the 11th Annual FJMC World Wide Wrap, will take place on Sunday February 6, 2010, when men and women will gather in synagogues all over the world, from Australia to California, and put on tefillin.

Together, we'll all learn and teach those who may be a bit rusty the proper technique for wearing tefillin. We will daven on that Sunday morning wearing our tefillin. This is a fun family event that should not be missed! A light breakfast will be provided courtesy of the Men's Club.

Men's Club meeting of December 12th

The Men's Club would like to thank David Cukor and Ben Gottesman for sharing their knowledge and explaining the fine points and strategies of the game of Texas Hold'em. A fun time was had by all. We hope to everyone at the tournament being held on January 29th at CBT.



COAT DRIVE

If anyone has gently used winter coats that they would like to donate to needy families this winter, please contact Emma Becker at 732-967-9791.

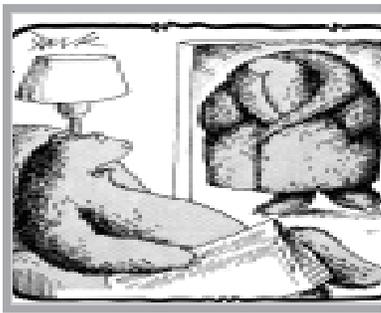
I am willing to pick up the coats at your place of residence and promise that they will get distributed to those in dire need, through Jersey Care's Annual Coat Drive.

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Thank you

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FREE AT LAST

The Second Generation Group invites you to a special evening in honor of Martin Luther King Month

“Free at Last: Dehumanization, Memory, and Advocacy in the Black and Jewish Communities.”

Dr. Ronald L. Owens, the Senior Pastor at New Hope Baptist Church in Metuchen and Reverend William F. Riddick of the Faith Hope Baptist Church in New Brunswick will discuss with Rabbi Robert Wolkoff the parallels that exist between our communities' histories and use that conversation as the baseline to focus on strategies for advocacy going forward.

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Time: 8 PM

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25 Tevet

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26 Sh'vat

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2 26 Tevet Journal Dinner Meeting	3 27 Tevet Board of Directors Nursery School resumes	4 28 Tevet Men's Basketball	5 29 Tevet Hebrew School starts 101 College Meeting	6 1 Sh'vat ROSH CHODESH Library Café 2nd Generation Meeting	7 2 Sh'vat	8 3 Sh'vat Kiddish sponsored by Youth Committee Passover Poker
9 4 Sh'vat Gimel JET Activity Family Ed Program Marketing Meeting USY Snow Tubing Journal Dinner Meeting	10 5 Sh'vat Camp/School Registration begins For JCC Families Sisterhood Board	11 6 Sh'vat 50+ Board Meeting Israel Stamp Club Men's Basketball	12 7 Sh'vat Rabbi's Adult Ed Class 10 years later Space Odyssey	13 8 Sh'vat Library Café Kadima Jewish	14 9 Sh'vat Birthday Shabbat	15 10 Sh'vat Shabbat Shirva Lunch and Sing
16 11 Sh'vat Kadima Rock Climbing Journal Dinner Meeting No Religious School Musical Program	17 12 Sh'vat Office & Schools Closed MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	18 13 Sh'vat Youth Commission School Board Men's Basketball	19 14 Sh'vat Who Wrote The Bible?	20 15 Sh'vat Library Café Tu B'Shevet Seder	21 16 Sh'vat Family Shabbat Service Nursery Tu B'Shevat	22 17 Sh'vat Seudah & Study B'Nai Mitzvah: Philip Kfare
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30 25 Sh'vat Family Ed Program Blood Drive Journal Dinner Meeting Child Game Show	31 26 Sh'vat Israel Stamp Club Ritual Committee Camp/School Registration begins					

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