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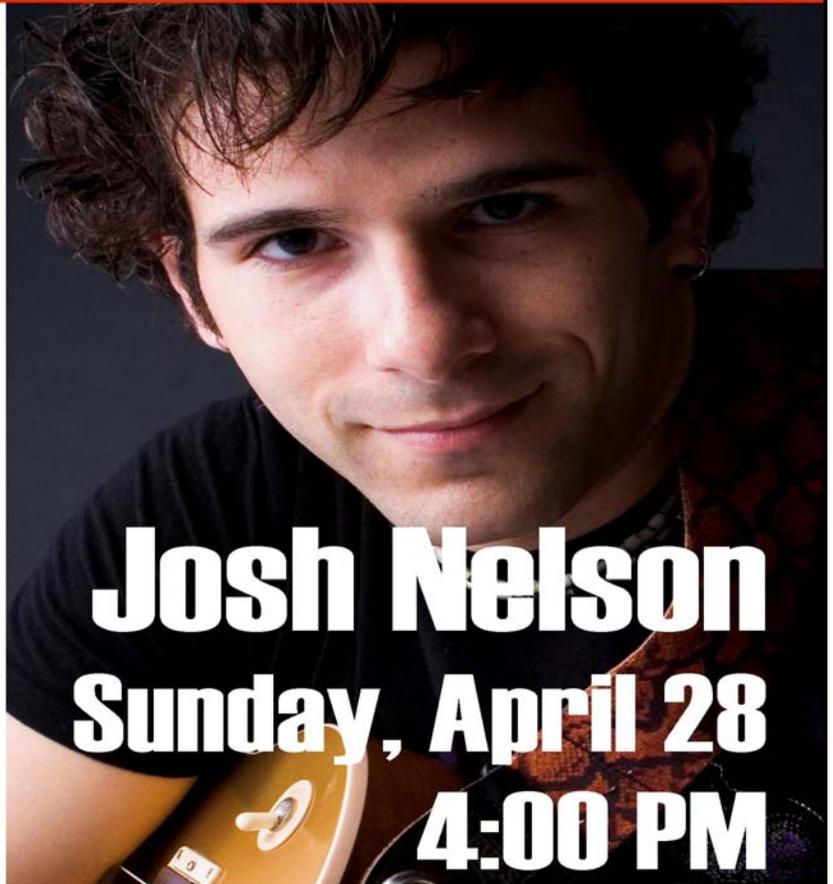
## 2-L'dor Vador-Events

The Claire & Irving  
Teicher Concert

**Family Shabbat  
with Mama Doni  
Friday,  
April 19th**



**Josh Nelson  
Sunday, April 28  
4:00 PM**



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## A Message From Rabbi Robert Wolkoff



I call your attention to this remarkable photograph. It is a picture from the Warsaw Ghetto.

In order to subdue the courageous Jewish freedom fighters, the Nazis blew up or burned every building in the ghetto with one exception—a church.

How are we to explain the fact that a bunch of mass murderers felt a sense of reverence for holy ground?

The answer has to do with the internal dynamics of religion. Religion—centered as it is on matters of ultimate concern—can evoke passions of unparalleled intensity. And religion—expressing as it does eternal truths—can create an explosive tension between believer and “infidel”. With only these two factors in consideration, we can see how easily the pathological Nazi interpretation of Christianity could create a worldview wherein the act of extermination of the infidel was seen as the defense of holy ground, rather than its desecration.

In Judaism, though, there are other factors at play in our religious life. In the words of the great Jewish thinker Eliezer Berkovits, halachah insists on “the wisdom of the feasible” and “the priority of the ethical.” “The wisdom of the feasible,” (something along the lines of *sechel*, or good common sense) emphasizes the realities of human nature and the human condition. It insists that real religious fervor must respond to the real needs of individual human beings. The Rabbis recognized that in many cases a rigid application of biblical laws (although technically possible) would contradict the practical ethical and moral goals of “normal” human society.

In similar fashion, “the priority of the ethical,” reflects the fact that “the Torah in its entirety exists for the sake of the ways of peace” (Gittin 59b). What determines piety is therefore not dramatic, even hysterical, extremism (along the lines of “Look how fanatical he is. He must truly be religious.”). It is instead the quiet insistence that “the ways of the Torah are perfect, a comfort to the soul.” (Psalm 19)

And, again, if our halachah seems to be leading us in a different direction, it is our responsibility to respond in such a way that we “do that which is right and good in the sight of the Eternal One” (Dt. 6:18) Murdering children but saving churches offers the soul little comfort indeed, and thus would be forbidden for us.

How far can we go in allowing our ethical and moral sensitivities to determine the stance of the Torah? The short answer is that the Rabbis were daring to the point of audacious in their insistence that, halachah or no halachah, we must do the right thing.

Please G-d, we should have the same depth of conviction as our teachers, both to the halachah itself, and to making sure the halachah is “a comfort to the soul.” And please G-d, in this time when we commemorate the Shoah and celebrate the rebirth of Israel, let our convictions lead to peace.

Shalom,

Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff



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## From the Desk of Cantor Bruce Rockman



**L'dor Vador**  
**The Claire and Irving Teicher Concert**  
**Presents**  
**The Josh Nelson Project**  
**THE BIG CONCERT EVENT**  
**April 28, 2013 at 4PM**

As I was preparing for my monthly preschool Shabbat Together program, I was listening to my special preschool collection of music. Every Jewish musician has their own version of this prayer; so Cantor David & Miss Barbara are right on the mark with their version, as they sing *"L'dor Vador means that we learn to be Jewish from our parents and our grandparents, so everything Jewish will always be"*.

That's it, simple and to the point. And this is my mission; make Judaism uncomplicated enough, meaningful enough, joyful enough, to help you feel welcome and ready to live a life inspired by God and the Torah and for us to teach these lessons to our children.

And as Josh Nelson sings... *"We are gifts, we are blessings, we are history in song....L'dor Vador.... we protect this chain and praise God's name."*

The Josh Nelson Project is a high energy group of musicians who play modern Jewish music. Josh is currently writing for the theatre as well as organizing events for post college adults and has performed at Jewish youth conventions including USY. Everyone wins awards and Josh is worthy of his accolades. Josh is creative, intelligent and committed to building bridges, epitomizing L'dor Vador.

As we continue to build a better B'nai Tikvah, through the effort of so many, we are about to celebrate one of our most beloved and meaningful events of the year. It is my hope that I am able to convey to you my excitement and enthusiasm about this special event. My most natural way of expressing my essential Jewish connection is through music; to me it is part of our joyous reward on Earth. We express our emotions with music. I'm so happy to bring Josh Nelson to B'nai Tikvah; he is musically contemporary with an important message for us and our families.

Each time I invite an artist to B'nai Tikvah, I tell them about you, about your warmth and generosity. I've told Josh how much we are looking forward to learning his music and hearing his message. I believe that we will be entertained & inspired by this performance.

I will never be able to thank you enough for honoring Stacey and me two years ago. I think about that evening often and remember your warmth and continued support. I know that you are hearing me and from this I am inspired. One thing is certain; L'dor Vador, from generation to generation, we are partners in our mission *"so that everything Jewish will always be."* The L'dor Vador concerts are about our future, the future of the Jewish people and they color our children's legacy.

I deeply hope and pray that you will be here on Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>, to experience Josh Nelson and celebrate the music of our generation.

Worship the Lord with gladness and joyous song!

With Joy, Blessings and Appreciation,  
 Cantor Bruce Rockman  
 March 15, 2013-5 Nisan 5773

## SAVE THE DATES

### Monday April 8th at 7:30 PM

"Remembering the Forgotten, A Spiritual Journey". Lauren Wistreich, North Brunswick High School senior and USY regional vice-president will present a special multi-media Yom Hashoah program. "Lauren will recount how USY Israel Pilgrimage and her travels through Eastern Europe exposed her to the history and contemporary realities of Judaism and Israel.

### Tuesday April 16th at 7:30 PM

Celebrate Israel's Independence Day with The Sons of Tikvah Band. Sing & Dance & sample Israeli food and delicacies! Free Event

### Friday evening April 19th Mama Doni is Back!

Join Bobbi & Marc as we welcome Mama Doni at 6:00 for a Family Shabbat Acoustic Concert and Service. Following the concert you can join us for Shabbat Dinner (\$18 adults \$9 children 10 and under). Our Bet Students will lead the regular Friday night Shabbat service at 8:00PM

### Sunday April 28th at 4PM

L'dor Vador will culminate an wonderful month of events. L'dor Vador is a B'nai Tikvah tradition. Our goal this year as in the past is an extraordinary, deep, touching, and genuine Jewish experience. Josh Nelson is known for his incredible musical talent and charisma that appeals to a wide range of personalities and ages. Josh's infectious spirit and contemporary sound will fill B'nai Tikvah, where we will dance, sing and rejoice!

## TORAH DEDICATION AND PRECESSIONAL– BY THE NUMBERS

### SUNDAY, MAY 5th - 8:00 AM



304,805	Letters in the Sefer Torah	
79,847	Words in the Sefer Torah	
31,103	Verses in the Sefer Torah	
929	Chapters in the Sefer Torah	
40	Years in the Desert as described in the Sefer Torah	William Reinholtz
40	Days of the Great Flood as described in the Sefer Torah	
7	Aliyot given on Sabbath to read from the Sefer Torah	
5	Books are contained in the Sefer Torah	
1	Occurrence on being called to the Sefer Torah for your Bar/Bat Mitzvah	
1	Average in one's life time to witness the dedication of a new Sefer Torah	

The above facts and figures speak for themselves. One would never miss the occasion on his or her Bar/Bat Mitzvah of being called up to the Torah for an Aliyot. It's a once-in-a lifetime opportunity. So, why would anyone want to miss another once-in-a lifetime opportunity to be present as our congregation welcomes home and dedicates its new Sefer Torah on Sunday, May 5th?

This is a true "bucket-list" item. To have a once-in-a lifetime opportunity to see the final letters being scribed into our new Sefer Torah and, to celebrate its completion and homecoming with live music, dancing and a processional, is an opportunity no congregant should miss. The best part is ...no one is a by-stander!

Everyone is invited to actively participate in the great event on Sunday, May 5th by joining the processional to escort the new Sefer Torah into our sanctuary. Then, witness our scribe's completion of the scroll's lettering and see the first blessings given from it in the sanctuary.

We have received permits to have our local Police Dept. to partially shut down Finnegan's Lane for the processional. We need everyone to come out and join us as we escort our new Sefer Torah down Finnegan's Lane and into our parking lot. There, the live music and festivities will continue outside the building. A special "Torah Wrap" will be held for the children and young adults as the new Sefer Torah enters the building.

The new Sefer Torah will be riding in a rare convertible car and under an outdoor Chupah. Joining the procession will be the Son's of Tikvah band providing live Klezmer style music, the Hillel's Angels Motorcycle Gang escort, a Color Guard, our entire Hebrew School contingent of students and parents will be marching along, Israeli folk dancers, USY/KADIMA and pre-Kadima Groups. Did I forget anyone? Yes, "you".

We need everyone to begin to arrive and park at 8:00 AM. Shuttle buses are being provided to safely take everyone to the procession's staging area at Finnegan's Lane and Tulip Drive. The festivities kick-off shortly thereafter.

A once-in-a lifetime opportunity—not to be missed. See you there!



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Jordana Andersen  
KADIMA Advisor



Congratulations to Eve Cukor, Adam Seidman & Gillian Miller who attended 10 events so far this year! They are going to receive a reward from our Incentive Program at our Closing Event. For every 10 events you attend, including Chapter & Regional it goes toward a reward. You can receive multiple rewards. Many of you are close to winning your 1<sup>st</sup>. Some are very close to winning a second.

We were very busy in the past month!

On February 10<sup>th</sup> we had our first event at Monster Golf with the Marlboro Chapter. Those members who attended had lots of fun. The kids played golf in the dark with glow lights and then played in the arcade area.

Thanks to all my members and parents who helped at the Purim Carnival on February 24<sup>th</sup>, everyone had a great time!

On February 28<sup>th</sup> we went to Feed The Children to volunteer our time to help load items into boxes to be delivered to needy families all over the country. I am proud of those who attended; it's such a great feeling to give our time and effort to this cause.

On March 4<sup>th</sup>, we watched a movie in the Youth Lounge while snacking on popcorn. At the end we discussed all the fun we were going to have at the Lock-In.

What can I say about another great Lock-In that we had on March 9<sup>th</sup> in the Gym & Youth Lounge! Of course the 15 in attendance tried to stay up all night. The earliest someone fell asleep was 3:30 am. I am sure most of us went to sleep early the following night, I know I did!

By the time you read this, we will have had the following events –

**March 15-17th** – Regional Spring Convention

**March 21st** – Chocolate Seder with Mr. Mike the Chocolate Guy

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 4th** - Kadima Welcomes the 5<sup>th</sup> Graders to our Ice Cream Social in the Youth Lounge from 6:45-7:45 pm.

**April 5-7th** - Regional 8th grade Shabbaton in Livingston. It's a great weekend getting ready for USY. Don't miss out, 8th graders!

**April 22** – Kickball in the Gym. Time TBA.

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, you let me know.

Need-based scholarships are available to help with some of the costs for programs. Please contact Steve Juro at [732-960-1215](tel:732-960-1215) for all requirements. All conversations are confidential and we appreciate the same respect.

Contact me with questions or concerns throughout the year! If you need another application, just ask it's accepted.

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Amanda Dillman  
USY Advisor

As we head into spring, our USYers have been doing a lot of fun activities with a few new ones in store for the month of April!

By the time you read this article...

Our USYers (20 of them!!!) had a fantastic time at this year's Regional USY Mid-Winter Kinnus. They were able to see all of their friends from around the region, and enjoy a fun weekend in East Brunswick! USY Junior/Senior Prom was a great time, as always. We had 8 USYers get dressed up and dance the night away with their dates and friends. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our "JEWS Line is it Anyway" event due to poor weather reports. We will try our best to reschedule the event! A huge thanks to our USYers for coming and helping to plan and decorate for the B'nai Tikvah's Annual Purim Carnival at the Purim Planning & Pizza party AND especially for assisting in running the carnival the following week!

## April 2013

### Wednesday, April 17th, 6:30-8pm It's YOUR Birthday! – Youth Lounge

It's YOUR Birthday will be a fun-filled evening featuring everything you remember from your childhood birthday parties! USYers will enjoy party games, a delicious birthday cake, a gift swap, and so much more! This is a FREE event and USYers are being asked to please bring (2) gifts (valued at \$5 each). One should be a wrapped gift for the gift swap and one an unwrapped gift to donate for SA/TO. We encourage you to bring a friend for this birthday celebration!

### Monday, April 22nd, 6:30-8pm – Murder Mystery Night Youth Lounge

USYers will re-enact a murder scene and use clues to solve the mystery! This event is the first of its kind at NSBUSY and is going to be filled with lots of mystery, laughs, and of course, who could forget the delicious snacks!

### Sneak Peek at May 2013!

Sunday, May 5th – B'nai Tikvah Sefer Torah Parade

Monday, May 6th – USY Board Letters of Intent Due

Monday, May 13th – USY Election Night

Saturday, May 18th – USY Regional Closing Dance



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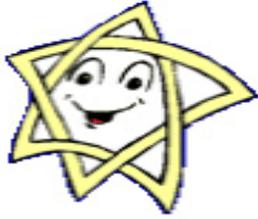
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Congregation B'nai Tikvah Religious School

Ann Ruth Nimberg  
Religious School Principal



Thanks to the volunteers who worked so hard to make the Model Seder a huge success and thank you to everyone who supported the Model Seder with their generous donations.

On April 7th the Chai School will be having their last Chai breakfast of the year. The Hei students will be able to join the Rabbi and the Chai students for breakfast and the discussion that follows.

Pajama Day is coming to the Religious School. On April 14th, the students will begin the day with breakfast in their pj's. Breakfast is open to all the students from kindergarten through Chai. It will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the gym. We will have cereal, bagels, cream-cheese, butter, juice, milk, fruit and Entenmann's. The cost per child is \$1.00. If you would like to help, please call the School office to let us know.

The Bet Service will be held on Friday, April 19th at 8:00 p.m. Bet students should arrive by 7:45 p.m. Mama Doni will be at B'nai Tikvah the same evening. Mazal Tov to the Bet students and their families.

On Sunday, April 21st, the gym will be divided in half to accommodate two programs. There will be a Dalet Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program at 9:30 a.m. in the gym. The program will include a discussion about your child's parsha and mitzvah project. Students who have already had their B'nai Mitzvahs will join the discussion to talk to the class about their Mitzvah projects. At 10:00 a.m. the Rabbi will be having a discussion with the Hei parents in the other half of the gym.

The Second Grade "Moving On Up Ceremony" will take place on Sunday, April 28th at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. A brunch will

follow in the gym. Feel free to invite family and friends to share this simcha. Please R.S.V.P. by April 21st to the school office with the number of guests that plan to attend.

On May 5th, the new Torah will be arriving. The entire Religious School from kindergarten through chai will be participating. This includes parents, children and any non-school siblings. We want everyone to participate in welcoming the new Torah. The day's events will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m.; please arrive a bit earlier. It will be an exciting day for B'nai Tikvah and for the Religious School. This will be a day to remember in B'nai Tikvah history.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 3  
School Resumes
- April 7  
Chai/Hei Breakfast with the Rabbi
- April 14  
Pajama Day
- April 15  
Religious School Committee Meeting at 7:45 p.m.
- April 21  
Rabbi Discussion with Hei Parents, Dalet Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program
- April 28  
Second Grade "Moving On Up" ceremony.

## Our religious school graduates from South Brunswick High School

that were inducted into the National Honor Society this month are:

Jared Cohen, Matthew Juro, Rebecca Kilcoyne, Alex Rizick, Jessica Rosen, and Jessica Zimmerman

## YOUTH COMMITTEE

On Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, we had our annual **Purim Carnival**. Thanks to the following people for helping to make it so fun! -

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-For donating the beautiful "Purim" balloon arch and balloon clusters - M & R Creations 732-545-7863.  
Ruthie Hass and Marie Goldeski have also been very generous to B'nai Tikvah at other events such as REJOICE and a Sisterhood Membership Dinner..

-For expertly and reliably handling the food as they have done for many Purim Carnivals over the years--  
Joe Grodman, his daughters Marnie and Louisa, and Arthur Cederbaum. Thank you to the Youth Committee, Youth Advisors, USYers and CBT member volunteers for helping to make it a big success!

On Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, we hosted a **USY Basketball Hurricane Sandy Relief Fundraiser 3 vs. 3 Tournament** which raised over \$600 for a great cause and brought awareness to the basketball program. Kadimaniks and USYers came from as far as West Orange and Toms River to play and 3 players from our newly formed team participated. Because of its success, the Hagalil Regional Director is hoping to have this event a few times a year in the future!  
Special thanks to Steve Katz and the Men's Club for the generous donation in support of the effort and the new USY Basketball team!

Best regards,  
Ruth Shindler, Youth Chair

## From the President



### An excuse for being there

Several months ago, the past chairperson of our Bikur Cholim Committee, Hilary Friedman, wrote a very moving article on the unexpected personal gain she received by reaching out to others through the work she did on the committee. In my role as president, and even before, when I was on the board as a VP, I learned to leave my comfort zone and visit a Shivah house for a person I didn't know.

The first time I paid such a visit, I was terribly uncomfortable and even perhaps a bit fearful. Since, the most effective thing one can do at a Shivah house is simply to be there and listen, I had no problem with keeping my unease a secret. It was only after several such visits that I built up a comfort level and gained the confidence to approach a mourner in private and utter five very powerful words: "Tell me about your mom." The rest is easy, just listen and listen hard. Let the mourner do all the talking and simply acknowledge their thoughts. The rewards are threefold. The mourner gets to let go a little more, the honoring of the deceased's memory is made stronger, and your own feeling of self worth is immeasurably enhanced.

Having someone there who you know, goes along way to reduce the anxiety so, if you feel you'd like to venture out, give me a call and I'd be more than happy to accompany you. You don't need an excuse to be there to listen. Being a member of B'nai Tikvah is all the credentials you need.

*Gary Bergman*

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**Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>** at 8PM: Join us for a session of the live version of the "Jewish Book of Why and How". Please RSVP to Jill Eisner at [jieisne@aol.com](mailto:jieisne@aol.com) by April 5<sup>th</sup>. For more information, check out the ad included in this edition of the Hakol.

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- Baby Diapers - Size 3  
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- single serving cereal packs

- small candy bars
- Keurig coffee pods - regular/decaf  
non dairy flavored creamers  
These items can be brought to any Sisterhood meeting/event or contact Caroline Scharf (732-735-1345) to arrange a convenient collection time. Thank you for your support!

**Shavuot Plant Sale:** Help decorate our B'nai Tikvah bima with an array of beautiful plants. Purchase a small plant for \$18.00 or a large one for \$36.00. All proceeds from sale will be donated to the Jewish National Fund. Please order by Thursday, May 9th. Flyer for plant sale is in the Hakol.

**Membership** - It's never too late to join Sisterhood. Please contact Caryl Greenberg at 908-216-7616 or Brenda Sherman at 732-940-1110 if you are interested in getting involved. Sisterhood would love to welcome you.

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## Men's Club

On behalf of the Men's Club I would like to thank all who volunteered their time on Sunday, March 3rd in helping to box the Yom Hashoah candles. As Rabbi Wolkoff stated, it is a mitzvah to help preserve the memory of our brothers and sisters who perished during the Holocaust. On Sunday we had an assembly line of those performing mitzvahs. Please continue to support this important program.

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# Shavuot

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*All plants will remain on the Bima until Fri May 17<sup>th</sup>, after this time  
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*\*After Shavout, plants can be picked up until 1:00 PM Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, after that plants will remain on the Bima  
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# Take the family out to the ball game... Somerset Patriots vs. Sugar Land Skeeter

## Sunday, June 9th at 1:05 pm

### (Mini-bat day)

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# NURSERY SCHOOL



Phyllis Denneberg  
Nursery School Director



Last month our gym was transformed into a matzoh factory (the week before Pesach). Rabbi Azimov of the Chabad of South Brunswick brought real bakers to our school! Our students watched the bakers run to mix water and flour to make dough, knead the dough, flatten it and bake it all in under 18 minutes! All the children then rolled out their own dough, used a tool to make holes and baked their matzohs and took them home. They also received professionally handmade matzoh to take home. This activity was totally subsidized by the PAC (Parent's Action Committee) due to their great fundraising efforts this year!

Our Fourth Annual Family Art Night/Open House was a huge success! Each classroom was set up as an art gallery with their teachers as the curators. Students' artwork was displayed in their classroom galleries as well as in the Family Gallery in the gym. Families designed the JCC Family Quilt. There was a Make-A-Plate fundraiser where children transferred their handprints or pictures onto paper that would be turned into useable plates. Just in time for Mother's Day gifts! New York Life was present with their free Child ID program. Portraits International of New York was there taking photos where those photographed wore vintage clothing and used props too!

There were slide shows depicting scenes from this school year and last summer's camp session. Thank you Webmaster Gary Bergman for setting up the computers and formulating the slide shows.

Kudos to all the teachers and assistants, parent volunteers, camp staff and USYers that helped make this night a real winner!

In conjunction with their unit on Community Helpers, the classes had guest speakers. On Monday, April 15th, the Township of North Brunswick will send over various vehicles that help the community. In recent years they have come in November, but due to the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, they were otherwise occupied!! Vehicles have included: a police car, an ambulance, a fire truck, a front loader and a garbage truck.

Beginning April 15th, we will celebrate Israel Week culminating Friday, April 19th with our annual Israel Independence Day, Yom Ha'atzmaut, parade. All are invited to the parking lot at 11:30 (weather permitting, otherwise it is in the gym!) for music and dancing with Cantor Rockman.

Caterpillars will be arriving the week of April 22nd. The caterpillars will become chrysalises and then turn into Monarch butterflies. We will then have a "releasing ceremony" in the playground when the weather is cooperative. Look on our website for pictures!

On Wednesday, April 24th, the Pre-k class will be going on a trip to the Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum. They will be escorted by a docent around the gallery, read an interactive story and do an art project.

Lag B'Omer will be celebrated by all classes on Monday, April 29th. It is a day of rejoicing and it will be celebrated by having picnics (rain or shine; if it does rain, we will "picnic" in the gym) and making special projects.

Until next month...  
Phyllis

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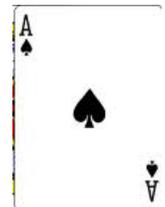
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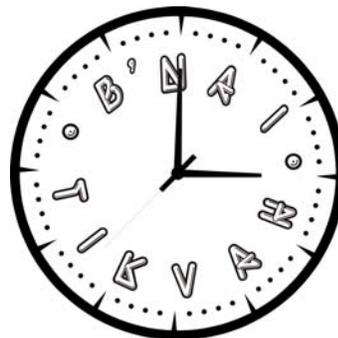
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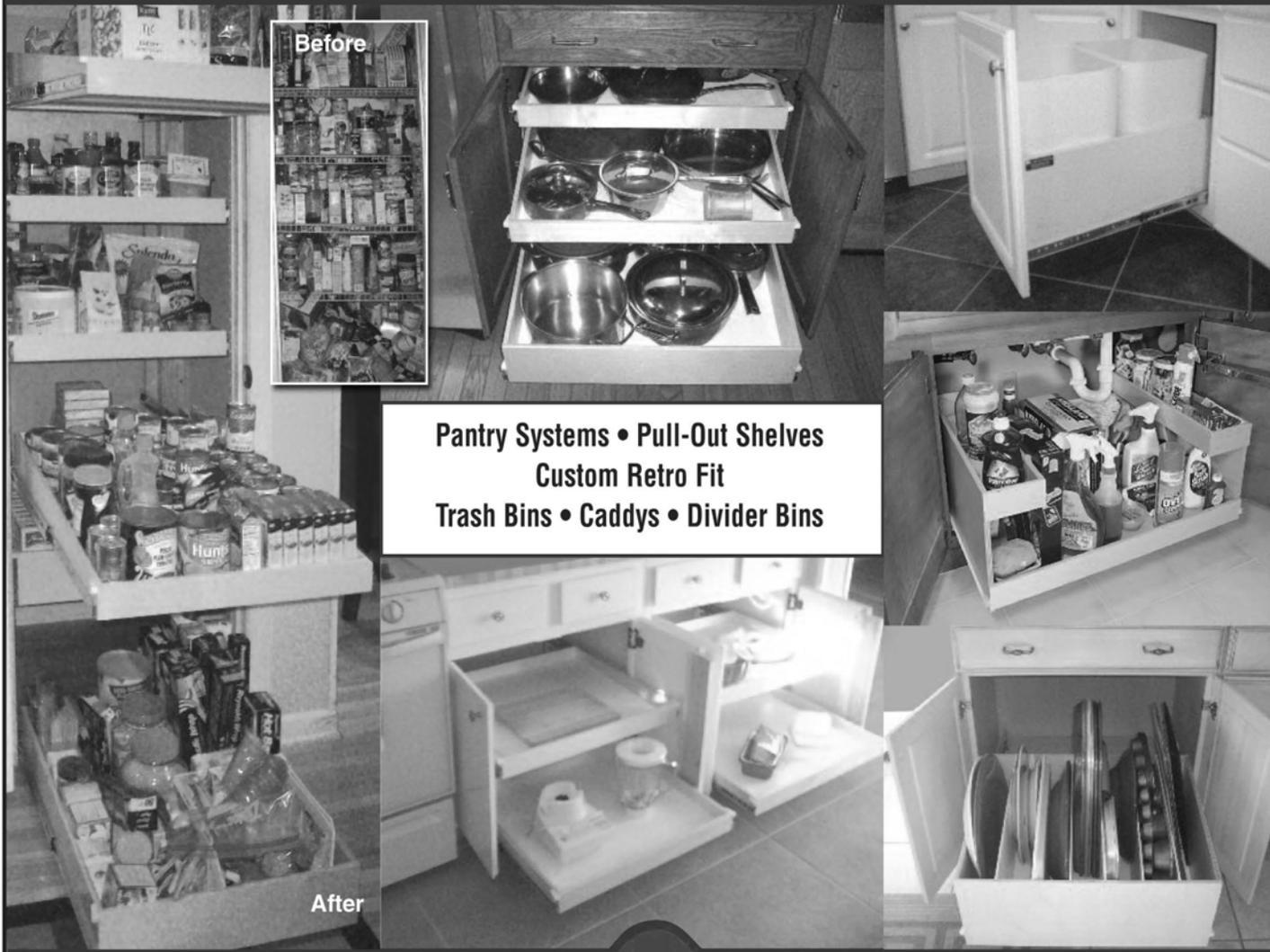
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### ANOTHER VIEWPOINT

Aaron Rosloff



## Manyana

Every time I walk around my house I find something to do that I should have taken care of, but always put off till tomorrow, and as the old song says, Manyana never comes.

Fortunately my house is built on a slab otherwise it would have collapsed into the basement. I have lived in this house for over 50 years, so you can imagine how much junk I have accumulated in 50 years.

As we don't have a basement, everything that I can't find a place for in the house goes up in the attic. The attic in my house was only meant to be a support for the roof, but with the help of a carpenter, we installed a drop down staircase in the ceiling of the garage for an easy reach into

the attic. So if anyone needs a box, big or small, whatever shape you need, just come to my attic and pick it out.

How about baggage? Today all large travel bags come on wheels. As the wheel was invented a few thousand years ago, I have to wonder why it took so long to adapt luggage with wheels. But if anyone is pining for an old fashioned bag that comes without wheels, I have plenty to spare up in my attic, for free.

Anyone thinking of starting a home carpentry project? Come see my attic before you go to the lumber yard. How about a very big fish tank with an electric light? I even have a box of fish tank gravel to go with it. Need a bed pan or a portable toilet? Guess what? Yeah, just waiting to be used.

Need a spare folding bed? Never used. All it needs is a mattress. Big plastic shipping containers, perfect as summer beer coolers. There is a fortune of stuff in my attic that I would give away at no charge but if no one comes soon, then I will bring it down and throw it all out.

Manyana,  
Aaron Rosloff

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 21 Nisan Office & School closed Pesach day 7	2 22 Nisan Office & School Closed Pesach day 8	3 23 Nisan Nursery School Reopens	4 24 Nisan KADIMA Pizza & Ice Cream Social	5 25 Nisan KADIMA 8th Grade Shabbaton	6 26 Nisan Lunch & Learn KAD 8th Grade Shabbaton
7 27 Nisan KAD 8th Grade Program USY Regional Program	8 28 Nisan Board of Directors YOM HASHOAH	9 29 Nisan Sisterhood Board Men's Basketball	10 30 Nisan PAC Meeting	11 1 Iyar Sisterhood	12 2 Iyar Mama Doni Concert Nursery School Shabbat Together Birthday Shabbat	13 3 Iyar Bat Mitzvah Melissa Zimel
14 4 Iyar	15 5 Iyar School Board YOM HAZIKARON	16 6 Iyar YOM HA'ATZMUT	17 7 Iyar USY Event	18 8 Iyar Youth Committee Bikur Cholim Meeting	19 9 Iyar Family Shabbat Service Bet Class Service Nursery School Israel Parade	20 10 Iyar Texas Hold'em Seudah & Study
21 11 Iyar KADIMA Laser Tag Dalet Mitzvah Program Rabbi-Hei Discussion	22 12 Iyar KADIMA in Gym USY Event	23 13 Iyar Men's Basketball	24 14 Iyar	25 15 Iyar	26 16 Iyar USY Spring Convention Nursery School Shabbat Together	
28 18 Iyar 2nd Grade Orientation Religious School Open House L'Dor Vador LAG B'OMER	29 19 Iyar Ritual Committee Nursery School Lag B'omer Picnic	30 20 Iyar Men's Basketball			Candle Lighting 5 7:08 pm 12 7:16 pm 19 7:23pm 26 7:30 pm	Shabbat Ends 6 8:08 pm 13 8:16 pm 20 8:24 pm 27 8:32 pm



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