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HAPPY NEW YEAR 5774 (2013) HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICE TIMES

Selichot

Saturday, August 31 Program at 9:00 P.M.
Service at 11:00 P.M.

Rosh Hashanah Eve

Wednesday, Sept. 4 Mincha/Ma'arriv 6:45 P.M.

Rosh Hashanah

Thursday, Sept. 5 Morning—Shacharit 9:00 A.M.
Tashlich 6:15 P.M.
Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:15 P.M.

Friday, Sept. 6—Shacharit 9:00 A.M.
Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:15 P.M.

Kol Nidre

Friday, Sept. 13 Service 6:30 P.M.

Yom Kippur

Saturday, Sept. 14 —Shacharit 9:30 A.M.
Yizkor (Approx.) 1:00 P.M.
Mincha/Ne'ila/Ma'ariv 4:50 P.M.
Shofar Blown 7:50 P.M.

Junior Congregation

Services at 11:00 am for the High Holidays

SAVE THE DATES

L'DOR VADOR on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17th
TEXAS HOLD'EM on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7th

CHECK OUR WEBSITE: BNAITIKVAH.ORG FOR EVENTS & SCHEDULE UPDATES THROUGHOUT THE MONTH
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A Message From Rabbi Robert Wolkoff



Jonathan Sarna, an expert in American Jewish history, tells a very revealing story. A professor at a rabbinical seminary tried to convince him not to go into the topic of American Jewish history at all.

Why? Because, he explained, American Jewish history could be summed up like this: “The Jews came to America, they abandoned their faith, they began to live like gentiles, and after a generation or two they intermarried and disappeared. That is American Jewish history—all the rest is commentary. Go and study Talmud.”

The professor’s view is not unique. Most Jews share it, consciously or unconsciously. In fact, one of the most enduring aspects of Jewish history in general is the firmly held belief that a) everything was better before and b) everything has been going downhill ever since.

Or, as Professor Simon Rawidowicz described it, Jews imagine that we are “the ever-dying people.”

This is great stuff for classic sermons. Some nostalgia for the Old Country, some guilt-provoking reminders about how much easier our life is today, an exhortation about living a traditional Jewish life. Done.

Rabbis learn to do it in their sleep.

The problem is that this fear of impending doom is, in fact, a fantasy (or a nightmare). Nothing more. To mention just one example: Sarna points out that “American Jews today [are] more involved religiously and better educated Jewishly than they were 70 years ago.” Who woulda thunk it?

So why do we always think that we’re going to hell in a hand basket? Because of a profound insecurity about the richness and vitality of Jewish life. The unspoken assumption is that in an atmosphere of religious freedom and complete social and intellectual mobility, Jewish life and thought are not stimulating or meaningful enough to ensure people’s interest.

This, in turn, leads to the truly perverse idea that we need an external threat—anti-Semitism, Holocaust, Arab terrorism, Iran, Jews for Jesus, Farrakhan, Presbyterians, Baptists, you name it—to force us to continue our otherwise empty Jewish communal life.

As Sartre put it, if anti-Semites would disappear, the Jews would disappear.

This view, though, is profoundly wrong. What Sarna and other historians point out is that while there is “declension” in Jewish life, there is also “revitalization.” Sarna mentions Reform Judaism, Zionism, the Jewish day school movement, the chavurah movement, and the Jewish women’s movement as “radical and inevitably controversial discontinuities” that ironically have the effect of promoting Jewish continuity.

How can something radically new support continuity? Well, if Jewish life was always static, an eternal Fiddler on the Roof, it couldn’t. But Judaism is anything but static. In fact, for four thousand years, it has been continually evolving, usually in amazing and unpredictable ways. That’s true on the large scale, and it’s equally true on the small scale, here in our own congregation.

Therefore, as the New Year approaches, we can look forward, not with trepidation but with anticipation and confidence, to what it will bring. We can handle it. Indeed, we can grow from it.

But only on one condition: that we do it together. We need to understand how precious our CBT community is, and how much we need to cherish and nurture it.

On behalf of Ruth-Ann, Ethan, Joseph, and Dahlia Orli, I wish you a shana tova umetukah, a good and sweet year.

Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff

From the Desk of Cantor Bruce Rockman



Looking for answers; a private conversation with you. A blast of the shofar is loud and jarring, intended to be stirring and to reawaken our best intentions. For me, prayer along with reflection is reassuring. I find comfort in the words and feel connected through the melodies. As we hear the sound of the shofar, as we serve God, we are reminded that God is listening to us. With prayer, we hope to find comforting answers to our requests, we search to understand and to find meaning in our relationship with God, and very importantly, with all of God's creations.

How are you feeling? Are you a little on edge? I feel like it's time to catch up, a final opportunity to make things right. For a month leading us to our high holy days, we begin to focus our prayers on penitence in preparation for our awesome and inspiring days of reflection and repentance. All month, we conclude each weekday morning service with a blast of the shofar. We are reminded to up our game, to delve deeper into our souls, to look for answers from above and validation from wherever it manifests.

How do you find your spiritual connection? Where do you find your answers? Feeling good is complicated. How's your health? How are your relationships with your family members and your friends? Are you feeling hopeful or feeling hopeless? What about the world? Will there ever be peace in Israel? Are you ready for school? Are you inspired by your work? Gotta pay the bills! If things are not so good, well, then, we know what to do and we must deal with our issues. But if things are good, we know we have to work harder and we must strive to make tomorrow better than today. Still, all in all, we are challenged in such a variety of ways.

Do you have time to think about God, to pray to God, to talk with God? Where do you find your inspiration, time for relaxation and reconnection? What does it mean to be a spiritual person?

Maybe the reason some people pray so often is because they desire a relationship with God and they pray to get a little closer to God. Many people see God everywhere, in everyone and in everything, and they feel that prayer is one way, but not the only personal spiritual path. I need a guide, at least a siddur.

Last year, I wrote about my family's experience in Israel and, most memorably, about my son Rafi's amazing experience at the Kotel. As I wrote last year, "pay attention, cherish these exquisite moments; slow down, you too may be inspired." Rafi is still inspired; he looks forward to the time when our family will be able to go back to Israel, he plans to live there; he says that when he grows up he will join the Israeli Army, become a member of Chabbad, and then have lots of kids. He certainly is focused.

Rafi is eight years old; he just knows that there is a right way to do things. Ah, such clarity. With time, Rafi will learn and understand that there are variations on the right way. Now he knows with certainty that a loving God, Israel, the Jewish people, and his family are the core of his universe and that life is good.

Dear God,
Draw us closer to you. Help us convert our convictions into conduct and our commitments into deeds. Help us to narrow the gap between our principles and our practices, between our aspirations and our actions. Keep us from blaming others for our faults. Help us to heal the wounds we have thoughtlessly inflicted.

L'shana Tova Tekateivu,
May you be inscribed for a healthy, happy, and meaningful New Year.

Cantor Bruce Rockman
Rosh Hashanah 5774

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Ziggy's a Type "A"!

Although Ziggy couldn't make it down to our drive due to a hellishly hot day, 22 other folks did. We collected 24-pints bringing our BT-total up to 1,482 units.

Our thanks to volunteers: Bobby Bergman; Shirley Engel; Sandy Friedheim; Don Harvey; Bette Koffler; John Konopka; Phyllis & Ed Rosen.

We look forward to your joining us January 12, when it'll be cooler. Thanks.

Marty Engel

Do you know?

What occurs this year that has never happened before?

What occurs about every 133 years?

Since Thanksgiving was established by President Lincoln in 1861, Thanksgiving and the first day of Hanukkah have never occurred on the same day until this year and will not occur again for another 133 years. Because Thanksgiving occurs on a seven-year cycle and Hanukkah on a 19-year cycle, this makes it a once-in-a-lifetime event.

So get ready—it's coming!

From the Webmaster



Notice to New Members and Reminder to others

eGroup – groups.yahoo.com/group/bnaitikvah

This email list was initially designed as a discussion group but it has evolved to become B'nai Tikvah's unofficial bulletin board for classified ads. If you need to buy or sell something, or would like to seek advice about anything from your fellow congregants, this resource could be invaluable. The group is "exclusive to CBT members" and is guaranteed totally free of spam from outside sources. To join, you must obtain a (free) Yahoo-id and ask to be invited, either by filling out the form in the Communications section of our website or via email to webmaster@bnaitikvah.org.

CBT Newsletter – ConstantContact.com

All congregants receive a weekly update indicating Service times, Shabbat luncheon sponsors, and notices from the staff and volunteers of upcoming events. These "Weekend Announcements" include a host of often-used links to our website of a timely nature. If you are not getting these announcements, please send an email to the synagogue office (office@bnaitikvah.org) and/or to webmaster@bnaitikvah.org.

BTSMS – Short Message Service (text)

This is our newest addition to our communications resources. If there is a need for an urgent message too late to be sent via email, such as a last-minute meeting or event cancellation, we have the ability to broadcast an SMS (text) message directly to your cell phone. We encourage you to register your phone number on the website, so that we may call upon you in the event we need a last-minute Shivah Minyan in your area. The sign-up page is at: bnaitikvah.org/btsms.html.

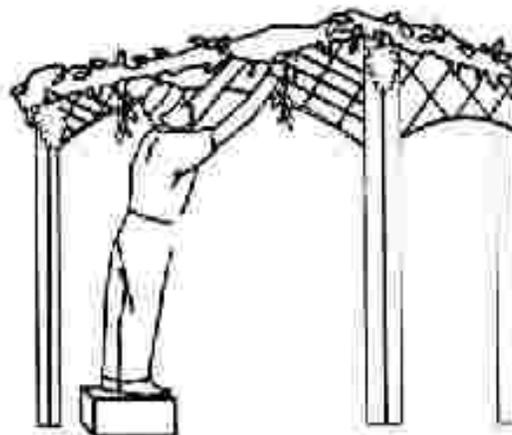
Happy Emails to you, 'Til we read again.

If You Build It, You May Win!

Enter B'nai Tikvah's 1st Annual Sukkah Building Contest

Put your Sukkah up against the best Sukkahs that B'nai Tikvah has to offer.

- ✧ Whose Sukkah will reign supreme?
- ✧ Which B'nai Tikvah families will get bragging rights for their Sukkah building skills in 5774?



DETAILS: Any congregant can enter. To register your Sukkah, send an email to David Cukor and Shari Tell at sukkahcontest@bnaitikvah.org. Include your name, address and phone number. All entries must be received by Sunday, September 15, 2013.

Then be home on Sunday, September 22, when B'nai Tikvah's expert team of "Sukkah Lookers" will come to your house to judge your Sukkah building skills.

Prizes categories include Best Decorated, Best Use of Vegetation, Best Theme, Most Original and Best All Around Sukkah. Good Luck And May The Best Sukkahs Win!

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Happy September everyone! While I hope everyone had a wonderful summer, I am very excited to welcome everyone back/to USY and announce that we have a lot of super events coming up this month!

First and foremost, I would like to welcome and congratulate our 2013-2014 North/South Brunswick USY Board:

President – Jason Shindler
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 Freshman Representative – David Juro

Now, on to our EXITING upcoming events:

USY's Annual Rosh Ha'Shanah Food Drive will take place as usual this year. Please look for our USYers handing out empty grocery bags. we ask that you please fill them with nonperishable food items that will be donated to a TBD local food drive.

USYers will be handing out these bags on the 1st and 2nd days of Rosh HaShanah and the chosen food drive organization will be announced during Rosh HaShanah services. Donations will be accepted at B'nai Tikvah in the box labeled "USY Food Drive" through Sunday, September 15 (after Yom Kippur).

On Sunday, September 15th, from 4:30—6:30 pm, USY & KADIMA will have our OPENING EVENT at REBOUNDERZ in Edison. This is our first time visiting the facility and we have a lot in store for the day! USYers & Kadimanicks will be able to have more than an hour of bounce time, full/exclusive use of the basketball court, delicious pizza, and, of course, the always fab foam pit! We can't wait to see everyone at our very first event of the year! There is no cost for this event.

Rounding out September, we will have a very special Sukkah Night at a TBD offsite location on Tuesday, September 24th; nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com for further details! If you are not receiving these emails and would like to, please contact me for details on this & all other events!

INTERESTED IN JOINING USY? Please contact Amanda Dillman, N/S Brunswick USY Advisor, at nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com Please check your email each week for updates from nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com !

Need-based scholarships are available to help with some of the costs of USY programs. Please contact Steve Juro at 732-960-1215. All conversations are strictly confidential.

Applications are available online at <http://www.bnaitikvah.org/usyform.html>
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SAVE the Date
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November 17
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ANOTHER VIEWPOINT



DON'T JUMP

So the party is over. I did not jump although I had planned and looked forward to the jump. At least one other person had planned to jump with me and was disappointed by my change, but I think she understands the importance of contributing to the food bank.

I thought the STOP AARON JUMP was a nutty idea. I thought it would be laughable to get people to donate to anything just because I would make a parachute jump. I think that most people, when they picture jumps, think of soldiers on en masse jumping into dangerous situations in wartime.

The military parachute is designed to get a soldier down as quickly as possible without breaking his legs. The sport chute is an entirely different animal. It is more like a glider than a military chute. The first part of a sport jump is free fall. I jumped at 13,500 feet and was in freefall until the chute was opened at 5,000 feet. Roughly a mile up. After the chute opened, it is exquisitely quiet as the chute becomes a glider and can be controlled to circle around while the jumper can scan the horizon and actually control the chute to land at a target spot.

I have been asked many times about what it was like. Imagine trying to explain what the color green looks like to a color-blind person. Yes, there was that minute of apprehension when I stepped out of the plane (paradoxically, I am more afraid of falling from my six-foot ladder, than from 3 miles up) but seeing the curved horizon and that the world really is a ball is an experience that one can no more describe than, as I said, explaining green to a color blind person.

I have made many flights in commercial planes. Except for the cramped seats and lousy food, it is more like riding in a bus than being under an open sky with absolutely nothing around and viewing the ground all the way to the hangar in every direction.

Am I disappointed that I did not jump? Yes, of course, but what does that matter? The important thing is that my adventure, or misadventure, helps someone who is short of food and needs to pay the water, electric, and gas bills or even a medical bill.

Some of the needy people were donors before they became receivers. Hopefully, with a little help, they will become donors again.

I had thought that Rabbi Wolkoff's idea to get donations for NOT jumping was naive, so who says that Rabbi's don't know anything about money.

Aaron Rosloff

A MEANINGFUL MEMORIAL

We don't always know what's triggered a wonderful idea, but Erwin Lewis does.

When he wanted a "really splendid way of memorializing" his beloved wife of 60 years, Sylvia Lewis z'l, he remembered their trip to Argentina. "Wherever we traveled - Europe, Asia, Africa - we made an effort on Saturday to go to synagogue," Erwin explains. That's how they got to services at Templo Heschel-Comunidad Bet El in Buenos Aires.

Erwin recalls their getting off the subway there and a policeman showing them the way. Our congregants soon were struck by three sights: the lobby security, a woman hazzan wearing jeans, and a rack with pink taliesim - showing that women were truly welcome. "We hadn't seen that anywhere else!"

When they returned to Monroe Township, Sylvia bought her own tallis and wore it proudly. (Their daughter uses it now.)

After Sylvia passed away in 2012, Erwin thought about what would be a meaningful memorial to her. He saw that, at B'nai Tikvah, women who don't have their own tallis would borrow a white-and-blue one from the rack. He noticed the same situation this past Pesach in Boca Raton while saying yizkor for Sylvia. And the memories came together.

The rest is action. Erwin told Rabbi Wolkoff about Bet El. "He was excited by the egalitarian idea and saw it through." Rabbi got approval from our Ritual Committee and Board and samples through our Sisterhood Shop: it took care of the order, Erwin gladly paid for the white-and-bright pink taliesim, labeled "Congregation B'nai Tikvah," and the synagogue put up the dedication plaque next to the lobby's wall rack.

At the ceremony, one woman told Erwin, "I never wore a tallis - never thought I would - but now I will." Afterward, a second woman told him essentially the same thing ...and he still sees them doing it every Saturday.

Erwin is sure Sylvia would smile to see the women's taliesim side by side with the men's. "If enough women use them, especially during the High Holidays, I'll gladly provide more," he promises. "And I'll be happy if even one other synagogue picks up on the idea."

Thank you, Erwin...and Sylvia...



Erwin Lewis showing the women's taliesim he's donated to the congregation in memory of wife Sylvia Lewis z'l

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Rafi Rockman, Joshua Safeer, Eitan Wolkoff,
and Yosef Wolkoff

2012-2013 Kavanah Awards:

Mazel Tov to the following children who attended services last year at least 30 times:

Eitan Wolkoff, Yosef Wolkoff, Shea Krane, Reese Krane, Joshua Safeer, Bashe Rockman, Rafi Rockman

These special children will receive their awards at a special ceremony in the fall.

Have you signed up to sponsor a Junior Congregation Service Snack (Oneg) yet? Every Saturday is open so please contact me ASAP at safeer@comcast.net to reserve your Shabbat now! It's only \$18 to announce your child's name and special occasion. Or, you can sponsor an Oneg for your spouse or even the kid's grandparents!

In an effort to go green, the Junior Congregation Handbook will no longer be printed in hard copy. It only will be online at <http://www.bnaitikvah.org/jc.html>

See you at Shul!!
Barry J. Safeer



I'm excited to start my 7th year of Kadima at B'nai Tikvah as the advisor. Welcome back returning & new Chapter members! Kadima is open to all Jewish students in Grades 6 through 8. If you have any Jewish friends who don't belong to B'nai Tikvah, forward them our application. Send your applications to the Synagogue Office or bring them to your first event attending.

Back by popular request is our Incentive Program for all Chapter members. Each member will have a membership card that I will hold on to & stamp for each event you attend including Chapter & Regional. After 10 stamps, you will receive a prize at our closing event. All events count, no limit!

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 15th – Opening event is a joint Kadima & USY event at Rebounderz Indoor Trampoline Arena, 76 Carter Drive, Edison, from 4:30-6:30 pm. Please bring along the waiver, <https://rebounderzapps.com/waiverexternaledison/mainformv1.cfm>. The only cost to you is to bring your Kadima application to join for this year if you haven't yet. Pizza will be served. RSVP by 9/10.

September 23rd – Dinner in the Sukkah at Josh Safeer's, 5 Burlington Lane, East Brunswick, from 6-7:30 pm. RSVP by 9/17.

EVENTS IN OCTOBER

October 6th – Regional Opening event. Check your weekly announcements on emails for all details.

October 7th – Kickball in the Gym from 6:30-7:30 pm. Teams will be picked randomly. RSVP by 10/3.

October 20th – Bounce U with Pre-Kadima, 410 Princeton, Hightstown Road, West Windsor.

All communication besides the Hakol articles each month will be going out through weekly emails. Please let me know if you change your email address during the year. Please RSVP to all events that require an RSVP.

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

Spread the word about B'nai Tikvah's Kadima Chapter and all the fun we have. Let's be #1! Applications are available, http://bnaitikvah.org/mem_ap.pdf
Contact me with questions or concerns throughout the year!
Jordana Andersen (732) 422-7457
btkadima@gmail.com

I would like to thank everyone at B'nai Tikvah for all the support on the loss of my mother this past summer. It was a very difficult time for me and all your kindness was appreciated.
Jordana

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Save the date

Sunday, September 22nd - Sisters in the Sukkah

Join Sisterhood's first event of the year and get to know your fellow sisters for a "pot luck" dinner in the Sukkah of Phyllis Safeer. The event will be from 4-6 pm at 5 Burlington Lane in East Brunswick. Please RSVP to Phyllis at PBJSR@comcast.net. Please bring a dairy appetizer, side dish, or main dish to share and we will enjoy a light dinner together. Check your email, Facebook, and the CBT website for more information.

Sunday, October 13th – Memories, Mishpacha, and Momentos

A time to share memories with your fellow sisters...

Thursday, November 20th - The paid-up membership dinner this year will be a blast but not the same without you!! A night of fabulous food, friends, and fun!! Save the date!! Details to follow!!

In support of the South Brunswick food pantry, please bring any of the following items to the first Sisterhood meeting: Parmalat milk and/or cereal. No expired items, please.

Gift Shop – Store hours are Sunday, 9AM-12PM, and Wednesday, 4PM-6:15PM. By appointment, call Serena Blackin at 732-390-9515. Opening Day is Sunday, September 8th.

****September Special****

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Just went shopping. Come in and see all the new merchandise.

Torah Fund - 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. Pins and WL cards are available. For ordering information, please check the Bulletin Board or contact Ann Rosenzweig. Cards are \$5 if sent to you or \$4 if hand delivered at a Sisterhood event.

Mitzvah Baskets - Having a B'nai Mitzvah or other simcha? Let Sisterhood decorate the bima with two non-perishable food baskets. 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 Jill Eisner: jieisne@aol.com

Mazel Tosses - Enhance the simcha of your child's special day by having Sisterhood make up soft-candy-filled bags to sweeten the day! Also great for an ufruf. Contact Jill Eisner: jieisne@aol.com



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Men's Club

Raise the Roof!!! - Sunday, September 15th, at 9am

Men's Club is looking forward to another great year of events and Jewish camaraderie. We are starting off with our annual family fun-filled event where, as a community, we build our Synagogue Sukkah. The holidays are very early this year, so we are expecting warm weather. If you have a ladder, Allen Wrench, Cordless Power Screwdriver, Work Gloves, a sense of humor, and great attitude, come on down!! Please bring the kids before/after Religious School on Sunday as everyone will have a job. A light breakfast will be served, compliments of the Men's Club.

Look for some of our upcoming events!

October - Monday/Thursday night football at CBT. The Men's Club will be hosting a football party featuring either the NY Jets vs. Atlanta Falcons (Monday, 10/7, on ESPN) or NY Giants vs. The Chicago Bears (Thursday, 10/10, on NFL), depending on which channel we have access to in the Social Hall.

This will be an enjoyable night out with plenty of "assorted" beverages and snacks. Look for additional details in future Web, email, and Bimah announcements.

November 13th- Annual Man of the Year Dinner.

We have an exciting slate of meetings, events, speakers, honors, and tzedakah planned for the year. We truly hope that you'll all join us.

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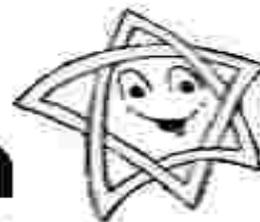
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Congregation B'nai Tikvah Religious School

Ann Ruth Nimberg
Religious School Principal



WE ARE GROWING!! We are excited to be welcoming many new families to our Religious School!! If you have not done so, please make sure you register your children.

September 8th is the first day of Religious School. This is a fast day; therefore, food will not be served. However, snacks will be available for the students. The day will begin with an assembly. At 9:00 a.m., Kindergarten – Hei students and parents will meet in the, followed at 10:00 a.m. by the Chai students and their parents who also will meet in the gym. You will have an opportunity to meet all the new staff members and learn about the new and exciting changes that will take place at Congregation B'nai Tikvah's Religious School.

Last year's programs that were successful will remain and some will get tweaked to make them even better. Briefly, Kindergarten will not be combined. Still available will be the optional 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. free program for Kindergarten students only. Grade One and Grade Two will be combined. Dalet and Hei classes will be involved in a new co-teaching program. There will be a new art program for all the students. Jr. Congregation will continue to be an integral part of the curriculum. The Chai students will be taking a trip this spring. Specific information for all events will continue to be sent home via Constant Contact.

Please make sure we have your correct email address. We are asking that all the students bring a notebook to class. This will be another way to keep you informed of homework and other pertinent information.

Teachers will continue to evaluate students twice a year. Parents will be informed if their child is not on level in their Hebrew studies. This year, Mrs. Shari Rykus, who is a learning specialist, will be working with the Toranim and Mrs. Goldschmitt to better help the students see success in their Hebrew studies.

Report cards will be given out in January and in May and our primary students will receive a progress report in those same months. We will have our Parent-Teacher Conferences for our elementary students in January, on a Sunday morning, in order to enable more parents to attend the conferences. We will be including K-thru Grade Two parents.

The commitment to the students will always be a constant. The Religious School will continue to work hard to create an environment where children can develop strong, positive Jewish identities. The first Religious School Committee meeting will be held on Monday evening, September 16th at 7:45 p. after minyan. Please join the committee and get involved in your children's education. Your input is very important.

As always, my door is open. Wishing everyone a happy and healthy New Year!

L'Shana Tovah,
Ann Ruth Nimberg
Education Director

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

September 8 First day of Religious School
September 16 Religious School Committee Meeting- 7:45
September 18 Erev Sukkot (No School)

September 25 Erev Shemini Artzeret (No School)
September 29 Hei Family Education Program

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Men's Club

Congregation B'nai Tikvah

Friends,

The Men's Club hopes you had a safe and enjoyable summer. We also hope that, upon receiving this letter, you will consider becoming part of a very special group of men dedicated to providing service to our Synagogue and helping it to prosper and grow.

The Men's Club is an integral part of our Synagogue. Our group focuses on Jewish values and carrying out its principles while providing an opportunity to develop friendships, learning, and just plain having fun. We offer educational service opportunities that reflect the interests of its members. We sponsor youth and family events, our Religious School, our adult softball team, host informative breakfast programs and trips, furnish gifts to our Bar/Bat Mitzvah children, as well as perform other mitzvahs. The Men's Club provides contributions to the Synagogue for capital improvements, including the HVAC system in the Sanctuary and social hall as well as charitable donations to secular and non-secular organizations. We have bolstered every facet of Synagogue activity. As you read this letter, we are planning many varied and stimulating programs for our 2013/2014 year. We look forward to your participation.

Our membership year is once again upon us. Please join as a member of the Men's Club. Our annual dues are only \$36. Please either complete the membership form below with your payment or include it as part of your dues. We encourage you to join! There is a place and program for every age group. We hope you participate in our social activities as well as perform various supportive services for the Synagogue. Active participation can be very gratifying. It will be an exciting year with your support.

If you have any questions or ideas, please feel free to contact me, Steve Katz, at 732-329-0687 (skatz56@aol.com). If you want to participate in any capacity, remember that the doors are always open at CBT and the Men's Club.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Steven Katz
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With the new year comes new opportunities to participate in the wide range of educational, community, and social events that B'nai Tikvah offers. Here are some of the activities that are planned for the upcoming year:

Parlor meetings in congregants' homes

Adult Education series

Jewish Book Festival

BBQ/Sports/Fun Day in Reichler Park

Lectures

Superbowl Watching Party

Comedy Night

National Museum of American Jewish History trip

Build a community garden

...and more

As the VP of Activities, I will work hard to plan and facilitating these and other activities, but I can't do it all alone. If there is an idea here that resonates with you, and you'd like to help bring it to fruition, or you would like to help plan a different type of event (whatever it might be), please reach out to me at 732.297.3780 or greenbergd@verizon.net.

Shanah Tovah!
Danny Greenberg

It will be a Royal Extravaganza! Save the date – February 15, 2014

Let the official trumpets declare:

The King has decreed that there will soon be a Royal Party! It will be the greatest event of the year with a sumptuous meal, incredible drinks from far and wide, and beautiful dancing ladies (with their handsome men, of course).

As you would expect with a Royal Event, only the finest offerings in the land will be presented, including delicacies from the royal caterers – Sir Evan and Sir Robert, otherwise known as Ye Olde Classical Caterers. Spirits will be drawn from the King's own special collection and shared with all.

Special honors will be bestowed on those who have pleased the court for their outstanding service and general merriment.

You do not want to miss this event (or risk losing your head)! All subjects are expected to attend and raise a chalice with your friends, family, and neighbors. Be assured to note February 15th on your personal calendar, iThing, rock, refrigerator, or whatever you use to keep track of your events.

King Achashverosh



MEMBERSHIP

Dear Friends,

I hope this message finds you well, and that everyone had a wonderful summer! Once again, the summer flew by, and we'll be seeing each other very soon with the High Holidays quickly approaching after Labor Day! In my new role as the VP of Membership, I have spent time this summer reaching out to many families who expressed interest in joining the CBT family. I am happy to report, that a number of them have joined, taking advantage of our free membership program. I will continue to reach out to potential members, and try to help them make an informed decision about joining the right synagogue for them and their family.

I also have been working closely with the Executive Committee, and the newly formed Membership Committee, to generate ideas for gaining new members and, equally as important, new

ways for existing members to be happy and involved. There will be many activities and programs in this coming New Year, with multiple opportunities for participation.

Finally, I encourage all of you to invite a family to take advantage of our "first year free" membership program. It has been proven to be successful in the past, with the majority of the families continuing their membership beyond that first year. I am determined to have this trend continue.

I wish everyone a Happy, Healthy, and Sweet New Year!
L'Shana Tova!

Lauren Cohen
VP of Membership

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NURSERY SCHOOL

Phyllis Denenberg
Nursery School Director



I hope you all had a wonderful summer. Camp JCC was a resounding success for the 8th year in a row! We had more than 35 campers registered. I would like to thank our amazing, incredible, staff, Carol Winter, Molly Magier, Marley Cohen, Renee Pettit, Rachel Allen, and Haley Sperling.

There were 2 bunks: The Little Lambs (2 ½- and 3- yr. olds), and The Mighty Ducks (4- and 5- yr. olds).

Weather permitting, the campers had water play everyday. There were 2 small pools to keep us cool. We had yoga and Zumba with Miss Jo. There were sports, cooking, baking, singing, and arts & crafts.

We had different themes
every week:

First Session

- Week 1 "Friends Friends Friends"
- Week 2 "F" is for Fitness"
- Week 3 "Wild Wild West!"
- Week 4 "Around the World in 5 Days"

Second Session

- Week 5 "Puppet Mania"
- Week 6 "Bugs Bugs Bugs"
- Week 7 "It's Magic!"
- Week 8 "Totally 60's"

"Specials" were brought in relating to the themes such as pony rides and a petting zoo, Amazing Athletes, Rizzo's Wildlife, Ben's Best Magic, and more.

On the last day, all of the campers sang their favorite camp songs wearing their tie-dyed shirts made during "Totally 60's" week. The performance was followed by an awards ceremony and a Mr. "Z" concert.

School is just around the corner! Spaces are still available in our classes including our My Kid & Me and Toddler Fun Club programs.

On **Tuesday, September 3rd**, there will be a student "Meet and Greet." All students are invited to come from 9:00 AM -10:00 AM. Parents: Would should take advantage of this informal opportunity for your child to familiarize himself or herself with both teachers and classrooms.

Orientation for parents is Monday, September 9th, at 7:45 pm in the sanctuary. Parents will then follow their children's teachers to their classrooms for a brief description of the upcoming school year and a PAC (Parent Action Committee) "Meet and Greet." Dana Chalson, Ginger Haber, and Elisa Burness have graciously accepted the positions of PAC chairs this year. A mentoring program will be put into place for our new families..

The first day of school for the 2 ½, 3, and Pre- K classes is Monday, **September 9th**.

Tuesday, September 10th is the first day for the Toddler Fun Club. We are having a "Meet & Greet" for the Toddler Fun Club on Monday, September 9th, from 12:15 to 12:45. You and your child will then get to meet the teacher, Mrs. "P" (Mrs. Pollack), and check out the room, toys, and the room where the Mommies or caregivers stay until class is over. The purpose is to make separation easier. Please note that Toddler Fun Club hours are 9:00 until 10:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. My Kid & Me will be on Tuesdays from 10:45 until 11:45 AM.



Our first **free Shabbat Together** class will take place on Friday, October 18th, from 10:45 AM to 11:45 AM. The first half hour consists of free play and arts and crafts projects relating to Shabbat or to a Jewish holiday that may take place near the date of the class. The second half hour will take place either with the whole nursery school for its schoolwide monthly Shabbat Party, joined by Cantor Rockman.. This class is open to children ages 12 months to 3 years of age and their parents, grandparents, or caregivers.

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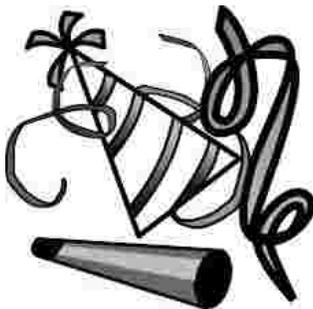
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L'shana Tova,

Barry



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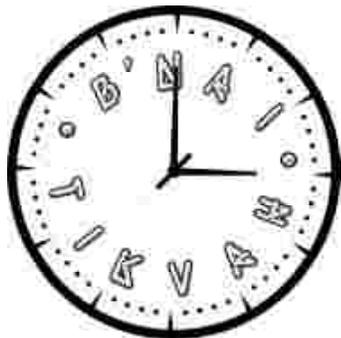


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