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NJ DEVILS: JEWISH HERITAGE NIGHT, DECEMBER 17th



**CONGREGATION FAMILY CHANUKAH PARTY
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17th, at 6:00 PM**



**SISTERHOOD LATKES AND VODKA
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21st, at 7:00 PM**



**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 22nd, AFTER MINYAM**



**MOVIE AND CHINESE FOOD
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25th, at 2:00 PM**



**COMEDY NIGHT
SATURDAY, JANUARY 10 st**



**BLOOD DRIVE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 11th, AT 11:00 PM**



PASSOVER POKER SATURDAY, JANUARY 24th



**GABRIELI JUDAICA
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28th, AT 3:30 PM**

A Message From Rabbi Robert Wolkoff



The Jewish world has been rocked by scandal. Again. Not too long ago, we suffered through pictures of rabbis being led away in handcuffs after having been arrested for corruption and money laundering. Now, the front page news involves a rabbi secretly taking pictures of women going to the *mikvah*.

It's hard to find words to describe how disgusting this is. Of course, it is an act of profound sexual impropriety. What makes it worse, though, is that this took place not in a locker room (which, to be sure, would be horrible enough), but rather in a place that in Judaism has always been considered the epitome of sanctity and modesty. It really is hard to imagine anything more stunningly inappropriate. Sacrificing a pig on the altar of the Temple in Jerusalem is about as close as I can come.

There have been all sorts of responses to this latest *shande*, including enhanced security at *mikvaot*; and the insistence that a woman always be present during immersions of female converts.

Beyond the practical question of how we make women safer at the *mikvah* is another debate: What is it that drives rabbis to do such immoral things?

In a recent article by Jay Michaelson, published in the *Forward* on 11/11/14, the claim is made that the insane stresses on rabbis lead them to do insane things. He writes, "...the high (but not fully known) rate of rabbinic scandals—not to mention less dramatic events, like burnout and breakdowns—suggests a systemic problem. Too many good rabbis are making bad decisions, and too many bad ones are causing tragedies." He goes on to write, "I don't know a single rabbi... who doesn't feel overworked, overstressed and under-supported. Some are struggling with substance abuse or with challenging relationships. Many more are just plain tired. To be sure, few rabbis act as unethically as [the rabbi in the *mikvah* case] is alleged to have done. But almost all face the stress that causes men and women to break..."

He suggests, as a remedy for the rabbinic "powderkeg," four approaches:

1. Congregations should take more ownership of their Jewish lives.
2. Congregations should expect higher spiritual ethical standards from lay leaders.
3. Rabbinic education should include courses on time management, staff management, and donor development.
4. There should be better data about the realities of congregational life.

These are not bad ideas (Lord knows, I wish I had been offered some courses in time management). But (with apologies to *Evita*), "Don't cry for me my kehilla...."

Yes it is true that there are all kinds of stresses in rabbinic life. It's a weird job; trust me. But there's another side to it that Michaelson doesn't mention at all. I can't count the number of times that I have heard people say, "Rabbi, you've really made a difference in my life"; or, "Thank G-d, it's the rabbi;" or "I wouldn't have wanted anyone but you to be there for the bris/baby-naming/bar or bat mitzvah/wedding/funeral." "And in the end, the love you take is equal to the love you make," sang the Beatles.

So I think that Michaelson's thesis—not his suggestions, which are all reasonable on other grounds, but his thesis—is profoundly flawed. When rabbis screw up, they do so for the same reasons that *anybody* screws up—shortsightedness, lack of restraint, succumbing to temptation, a failure of thought and thoughtfulness, self-delusion, and sometimes (but rarely, I think) real evil.

Rabbis don't need special handling. We *all* need special handling, with a lot of respect and compassion and love in the mix. And that's something to which all of us at CBT really can aspire.

B'shalom u'vididut, with peace and friendship,

Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff

Raritan Valley Chapter of Hadassah

Mitzvah of Love Brunch on Sunday, November 9, 2014, at Congregation Ahavas Achim in Highland Park honored 3 special women ..including our own Martha Rotter.. for their dedication to Hadassah and their lifelong dedication to the State of Israel.

With Martha are (2nd from R.) Toby Ehrlich, Cheryl Asnis, Dr. Marcia Horn, Cantor Bruce Rockman and son Jack Rotter (not pictured but present was Jack's wife ,Kathy Rotter).



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From the Desk of Cantor Bruce Rockman



Chanukah, a time to Celebrate and to Rededicate

I enjoy recalling all the fun of celebrations from my childhood and I love to relive these happy events with my family. Creating memories - authentic, joyous, and serious - informs our lives and the future of our children and the Jewish people.

I grew up, locally, in Metuchen. Simchat Torah was the biggie in shul when I was a kid. The sanctuary and the social hall were set up just like the High Holidays, with chairs as far as you could see. There wasn't room for dancing with the Torah, but we and our fathers paraded around the entire circumference of the room for 7 hakafote. It really wasn't pretty, it was loud and we all waved our flags until they conveniently became swords! We had a blast, running noisily and sneaking treats as the gabbaim tried to restore order.

The tradition of huge celebrations on Simchat Torah has not ended, but it has become more applicable to urban centers, colleges and traditional communities. We at B'nai Tikvah have celebrated with large crowds when the holiday occurs on a Sunday, but that only happens sporadically.

We are not without our well attended joyous celebrations. Chanukah is huge. Our Chanukah celebrations here and at area bowling alleys are legendary. Simchat Torah marks the conclusion of our major holiday season, which includes Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur and Sukkoth, all of which are designated in the Torah. Chanukah began much later and is considered a minor but very dynamic holiday.

Briefly, Chanukah is a Jewish holiday that celebrates the victory in 165 B.C.E. of the small Judean nation led by Judah Maccabee over the immense Assyrian-Greek Empire that was attempting to replace Judaism with the worship of idols. After Judah and his small army drove the Assyrian-Greek army out of the Temple (the holiest site in Jerusalem), they performed a rededication ceremony to reclaim their sacred space. In fact, the word "Chanukah" means rededication. Tradition holds that they found only enough pure oil for one day, but that it miraculously lasted for eight, long enough to keep the Temple's sacred light illuminated until new oil could be prepared. And that is the common explanation given for why we light candles for eight nights (courtesy of www.JOI.org).

I asked my kids what their favorite part of Chanukah is. They did not say "presents"!

Please, do you think I believed them? Nice try! Bashe and Rafi agreed that their favorite Chanukah custom is Paul & Ruth Anne's latkes. I believe that like other American winter holiday celebrations, what we all love best is celebrating with our families and our friends.

For me, the most important messages of Chanukah are tolerance, religious freedom, and our rededication to the principles of Torah that will lead to a better world. We have the opportunity to celebrate our holiday uniquely, beautifully and with a totally Jewish flavor. The theme of rededication reminds us of the significance of "*Kedeshaynu B'mitzvotehcha, asking God to instill in us the holiness of Your Mitzvoth.*"

With Joy,
Cantor Bruce Rockman

Please stop in, contact me by phone 732-2978-0696 extension 15 or send me an email at cantor@bnaitikvah.org.
December 2014

SAVE THE DATE!

**Sunday, January 11th
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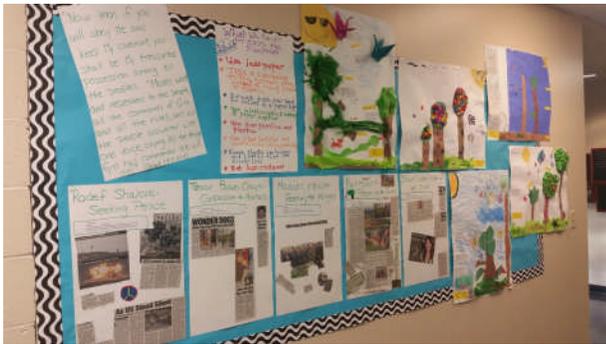
Greetings from Jennifer James, Director of Education



What do Israel and the rainforest have in common? The students in our Dalet and Hei classes could tell you a thing or two about that!

As part of a Judaica curriculum that focuses on living the *mitzvot* through *tikkun olam* (repair of the world) and *gemilut chasidim* (acts of kindness), the sixth and seventh graders in our Religious School spent the past month focusing on the *mitzvah* of *bal taschit*, which commands us not to waste the precious resources of our earth. It is a command that every Jewish environmentalist can identify with, including emerging adolescents who are increasingly aware of and interested in the world around them. As we teach the students, the Torah teaches us all that G-d created our world and that we are partners with G-d in perfecting the world.

To tie this biblical imperative to their 21st century life, their teacher, Carol Winter, and I created experiences connecting *bal taschit* to everything from rainforest preservation to Israeli agricultural technology, from news articles about international environmental preservation efforts to hands-on projects such as recycling our own trash.



If you stroll down our hallway, you will see the beautiful and colorful results of the students' projects on *bal taschit* in tropical rainforests. In case you don't have an opportunity to do that, here is a taste in black-and-white:

To get a taste of how *bal taschit* is put into action in Israel, you might want to check out some short videos on YouTube, including these which the classes viewed and discussed: "A New Leaf: Israel's Green Movement" and "Israel: Leading the World in Water Technology."

Finally, make sure you attend the congregational Chanukah Party on Wednesday, December 17, at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall – not only will you enjoy pizza and latkes and candle-lighting and singing with your families in a fantastic communal celebration, you'll also enjoy, first-hand, the fruits of the students' labors: creating art from recycled products!

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A Message From Our Co-Presidents



Yom Huledet Same'ach! Happy Birthday to us!

December is our shared birthday month. Although we are fifteen years apart, our mutual interests and common values – and, of course, our shared commitment to Congregation B'nai Tikvah – make our age difference essentially irrelevant. Our connection to each other, and to the causes that unite us, seems to strengthen each day.

Our friendship was born as a result of our dedication to this synagogue. We know that the same is true of so many other friendships that have blossomed in our special community. We talked quite a bit about these connections in our Yom Kippur appeal – and we thank you for your incredible support, once again! We learned even more about building connections at the seminar on *Relational Judaism* that was recently held in our shul. The presenters discussed the importance of personal

encounters between congregants, staff, clergy and lay leaders. They talked about sharing stories and Jewish journeys, through one-on-one conversations and larger focus groups. They stressed the importance of reaching out to different demographic groups – post-college young adults, singles, seniors, families with children, and others. And they reminded us about the power of personal invitations, recognition, and simple thanks. We have so many ideas and there is so much more that we want to do; we hope that you will help us along this path and strengthen our individual and collective Jewish journeys.

On Shabbat morning, **December 13, 2014**, we will be sponsoring the Congregation Kiddush following services in honor of our birthdays. We hope that you will join us in celebrating our special day (actually December 8) and in celebrating the wonder of our B'nai Tikvah community. Send us an email at nagelberga@aol.com or rakoenick@gmail.com to tell us you will be there. Come to pray, to learn, to eat, and to schmooze. Come tell us how you and your family are doing, and tell us what we can do for you. Come out to ensure that the connections within our synagogue family grow deeper and stronger.

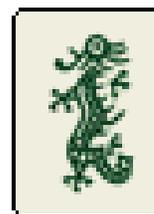
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Warm regards,
Allison Nagelberg, Co-President
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January 24th, 2015

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January 28th, 2015

"Gabrieli Trunk Show." See page 20 for details.

This Month

Sunday, Dec 21st - Latkes and Vodka @7pm.

Join us as Sisterhood celebrates Chanukah. We'll be doing a little gambling, dreidel style (all for a good cause), enjoying some latkes, and trying some different, tasty vodka.

Hope to see you there!

Vendors Needed

Sisterhood is hosting a "**Shop till You Drop**" Vendor Fair on Sunday, April 26th, 2015. If you know a vendor or if you are a vendor who is interested in participating, please email Jill at jillfeisner@hotmail.com. Vendor fee is \$36.

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Save the Date: "Gabrieli Trunk Show"

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Wednesday, January 28th, 3:30-7:00

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Another Viewpoint



A Buba Meisa

A little woman, small and skinny as a weed, with the stern sharp look of a hawk. But when she smiled, the sun came out and my belly felt warm and I walked lightly and didn't feel where my feet touched the floor. Frail to look at, but stronger than a New York traffic cop, my grandmother, we called her the Buba, was the toughest saint that ever put the fear of God into man.

She talked to God as simply as you would talk to a friend or neighbor. In fact, God was her partner. She agreed to keep up her end of the bargain alright; "But where were you today, Lord? Weren't you watching out for your children? You'd better get back on the job. I can't deal with this mess on my own." And she'd talk to God and reason and cajole Him, so he helped her to live a life full to bursting. Full enough to spill over onto us so that we could warm ourselves in the drippings. And, still so many years later, taste the wine of life of her pressing.

Humility and pride, anathema to each other were blended into her peanut frame, like the girders and cables engineered into a bridge. Entwined into a work of gossamer appearance, but oh so tough. Tough enough to scrounge for a living in those awful years of the Great Depression that took the heart out of many a man, but she was never too busy to look out for the "poor" people.

Though I didn't know many people who were poorer than the Buba. You would have had a hard time convincing her that she was a pauper. A bed, a roof, some potato soup, and God. "Any fool can see that's all a person needs. Now I have to get busy and do for the 'urmelyteh,' the poor people." So she took her soap box wagon and went over to the bakery on Third Avenue to collect the day old bread. And at other times, she went door to door to collect old clothes to distribute to the poor.

Dear God, what a way to get rich. Out in all kinds of weather. Broiling New York summers and rain drenched in winter, she was always busy carrying something. Never without a bundle or shopping bag, sometimes two. Pneumonia and heart trouble were her constant companions, like wrestlers who traveled together, peacefully tolerating each other, but ready to beat each others brains out when the match starts. Under fed and under dressed, but if you were to suggest that she take one or two of those items for herself, it might fetch you a clout on the ear. It would be a sin against God to take something that was donated for the poor. And certainly she was not one of the poor. Who can say that she was not rich?

When the Home Relief man came from the city Welfare Department to investigate the application that her daughters had filed on her behalf, he did not find a very compliant subject. She felt his questions and suggestions were an affront, threw him out, and turned to honest bootlegging to make a living.

The doorbell rang one afternoon at my parent's home, and I ran to open the door. A wild-looking man carrying two five-gallon cans ran in, put them into our hall closet, and ran out in a hurry. Later, I found out that he was the Buba's wholesaler. How very fortunate that Prohibition lasted through the Great Depression, thus providing her with a means to make a living. To her, the very idea that good hardworking men of her family could not have a schnapps before supper, or celebrate a wedding or a Bar Mitzvah or bris, was immoral, almost like forbidding matzo for Passover.

Women bear children as God sees fit, Jews eat matzo on Passover, and men are entitled to take a drink of good whiskey on occasion. If men or men's laws did not always agree, these tenets certainly did not violate God's laws. So what was more natural than to buy "good" 180 proof grain alcohol and cut it to 90 proof and sell it to her in-laws, cousins and landmen? Or color or flavor it with berries or cherries according to the tastes or interests of the customers. At least they were not in danger of going blind from some "imported" scotch or bathtub gin that was being peddled by the moonshiners of those days.

Who would suspect a stooped little old lady of being a bootlegger? She walked with a shopping bag in each hand; after all, she couldn't always be working for the poor, a person has to make a living also. And when she would come to a busy intersection what policeman wouldn't stop traffic and lead her by the elbow across the street? After we crossed the street, she winked at me and said, "If he only knew what I have in these shopping bags." Wouldn't your belly feel warm if you could remember that you were the grandson who was walking her home. If only those shopping bags could tell the stories of what they had seen.

Years later, when I was older, my uncle Lou told me about an event that occurred one night. He said, "I don't remember where, but it was a cold and nasty night, and in the distance I saw a familiar figure. Could that be my mother? I hurried to catch up with her, and sure enough it was Mama. I said, Mama, what are you doing out here? And she said, "I'm taking these bags to a poor family." So I asked, "On a night like this? Here, let me help you". And she said, "No. This I must do myself. If my children don't do enough for God, then I must do this for them."

So, many years after her death in 1945, she is still so much alive that whenever any of us who were old enough to remember her get together, amid tears and laughter, she will be brought to life to caress us or remind us of our shortcomings. What a monument and what an example.

Aaron Rosloff

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Sunday	9:00 am & 7:30 pm
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CBT Men's Club President
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Annual FJMC Man and Youth of the Year dinner Nov. 5th

This year's dinner was held at Congregation B'nai Tikvah for the first time in many years. There was a record attendance of 371 people honoring the respective honorees from multiple Clubs.

Mazel Tov once again to our honorees, Craig Cohen and Hayley Nagelberg.

We are especially proud of our own Rabbi Wolkoff who provided the Dvar Torah and Cantor Rockman who sang Hatikvah.

Congregation B'nai Tikvah had 44 attendees. Thank you for being great hosts, CBT Ambassadors, and for showcasing our great shul and CBT community.

A job well done to Evan and Classical Caterers who were at their absolute best once again in providing the culinary delights for our buffet dinner and dessert.



Event chairmen bracket CBT's Steve Katz, Hayley Nagelberg, and Craig Cohen



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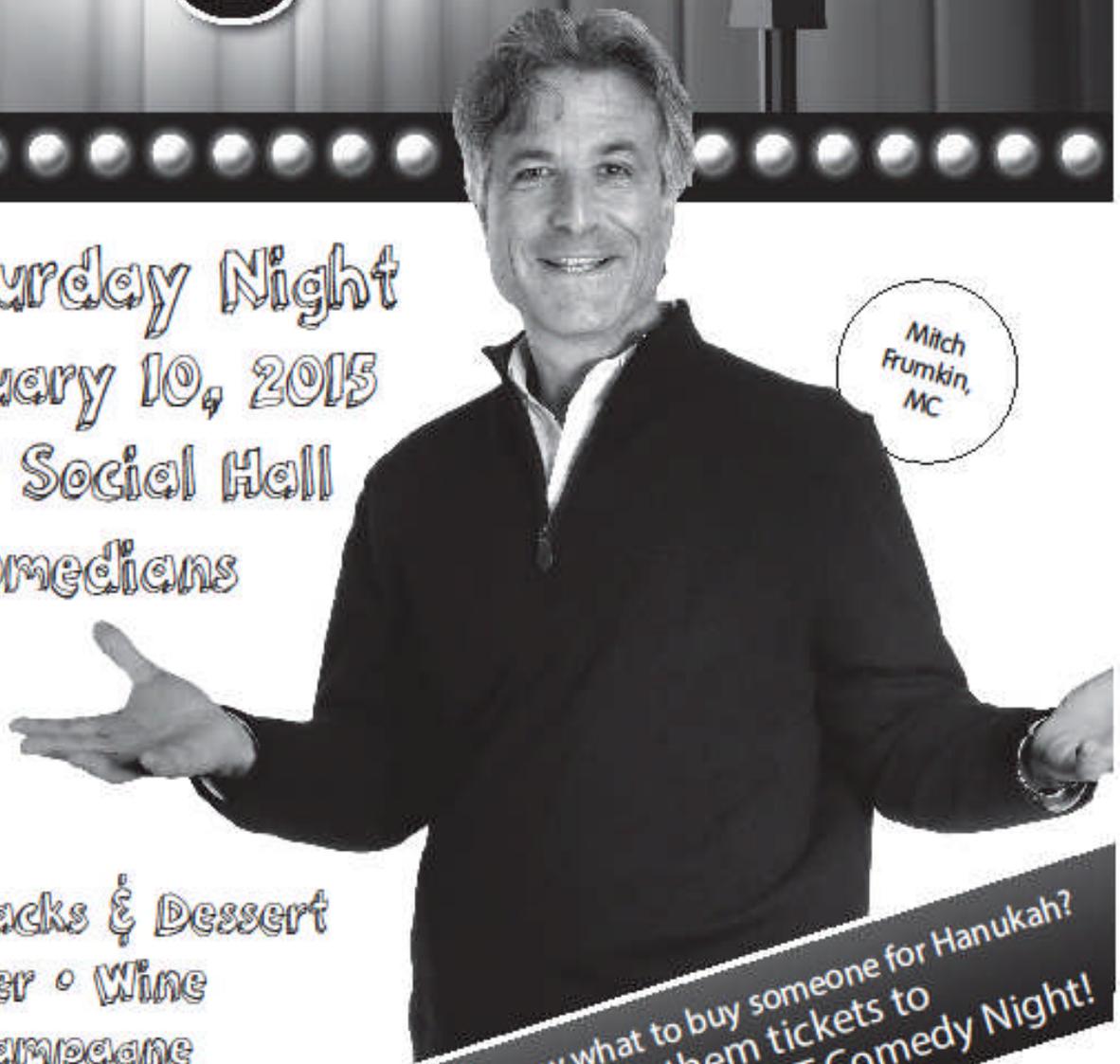


Comedy Night!



Saturday Night
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- Snacks & Dessert
- Beer • Wine
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Please email or call LouAnne and John Wolf at 732-821-1395 or lawolfie@gmail.com
This is a great way to get involved and meet more people in our community

Our next meeting dates are at December 2 and 15 at 7:45pm in the youth lounge. Hope to see you there!

MOVIES!!!

Join us as CBT presents an assortment of movies in upcoming weeks.



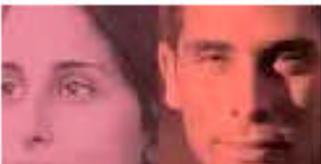
Honor Diaries is a 2013 documentary by producer Paula Kweskin which explores violence against women in honor-based societies, with particular focus on female genital mutilation, honor violence, honor killings, early and forced marriage, and lack of access to education. December 7th @ 8:00 PM. No charge.



A Traditional Jewish Christmas!
Movie (to be announced) and Chinese food.
December 25th @ 2:00 PM
\$10 per person; maximum \$25 per family



The Forgotten Refugees is a 2005 documentary by The David Project and IsraTV that recounts the rich history of the ancient Jewish communities of the Middle East and North Africa and their rapid demise in the face of persecution in the decades following the creation of the State of Israel. February 8th @ 8:00 PM. No charge.



Beneath the Helmet documents the dramatic transformation of five Israeli paratroopers from high school graduates to defenders of the State. The film explores recruits' personal lives, dreams, fears & dilemmas, revealing the human side of Israel's military and the inspiring people who make up the IDF. March 15 @ 8:00 PM. No charge.



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CONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH'S ANNUAL
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SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, December 17th
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☆ Pizza, latkes and other holiday treats! ☆ Bring your family menorah/Chanukiyah for our Congregational Candle Lighting – we'll provide the candles! ☆ Chanukah Sing-along with our Pre-School children, Religious School students and The Sons of Tikvah Band

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Your ticket to this game includes:

- Lighting of the menorah on the Main Concourse
- Jewish heritage night t-shirts
- CBT welcomed on the scoreboard
- Post-game meet and greet with a NJ Devils executive
- Post-game concert featuring The Maccabeats

(Note: there are certified kosher concessions at the game.)

If you are interested in joining us, please **RSVP BY DECEMBER 9th** to Danny Greenberg (greenbergdan@gmail.com). Prices start at at \$27 (for the 100-level behind the goal) to \$176 for club seats. We do not have to sit as a group, so you can secure your preferred location. Transportation is on your own (the train from New Brunswick is extremely convenient).

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