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## A Message From Rabbi Robert Wolkoff



“Je suis Charlie”

“I am Charlie”

The whole world was shaken by the terrible events in Paris last month. And it was heartening indeed to see so many people with signs saying “Je suis Charlie” (“I am Charlie,” a reference to the satirical magazine whose staff was decimated by the terrorists.

But, as I pointed out in the days following the event, no one in France had held up a “Je suis Juif” (“I am a Jew”) sign after Jews were murdered in a Jewish school in Toulouse in 2012.

The issues here goes beyond a lack of sympathy for, much less identification with, French Jews by the French (and by the world in general). There is a *causal link* between that lack of sympathy for Jewish victims and the death of the non-Jewish victims.

Simply put: if there had been “Je suis Juif” signs when Jews were murdered for the crime of being Jews, and had French (and world) society had the insight, courage, and decency to do what had to be done to support and protect the Jews, then no one would have been murdered for the crime of being a cartoonist.

As the old saying predicted, it started with the Jews—but it didn't end with Jews alone. When the forces of evil are unleashed, they are exceedingly hard to control.

There is history here that needs to be understood—by the Jews, by the French, by the world. Why were there no “Je suis Juif” signs? Because the innocence of the cartoonists was universally assumed; the innocence of the Jews...not so much. After all, they were probably Zionists, and they were probably rich, and they were probably colonial, and they were probably...Jews. And we all know that Jews are guilty of something...

This may seem like paranoid speculation. It is anything but. Then-Prime Minister Raymond Barre made the point perfectly clear after the terrorist attack at the Rue Copernic synagogue in 1980. Barre condemned the “despicable attack that sought to target Jews who were in the synagogue and that struck innocent Frenchmen who were crossing the Rue Copernic.” As if the Jews were not “innocent Frenchmen.” He went on to blame “the Jewish lobby” for the storm of criticism which followed his remarks, thereby inadvertently demonstrating that the criticism was well-founded.

But it is not only the assumption that Jews are guilty that has a history. So, too, is the idea that there are no limits to what you may do to “punish” the Jews for their “crimes.” This goes back to the heady days when the issues of decolonialization and self-determination dominated the world stage. It reflects a widely shared sentiment, enshrined in the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2649 (1970) that people seeking to exercise self-determination may resist their colonial oppressors “by any means at their disposal.”

“Any means.”

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## HAKOL

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## From the Desk of Cantor Bruce Rockman



### The Writing in the Wall

I like to write about uplifting our souls, the power of prayer, the love of God, Israel and the Jewish people. My writing is often cathartic and helps me focus. Today, I'm heartbroken about the terrible situation in the world. My ability to offer comfort and a solution are limited. I will be truthful and I'm asking you to do something about the horror that is haunting our lives.

The writing seems to be on the wall. The recent terrorist attacks in France, the most recent manifestations of unfounded prejudice against the Jewish people, are undeniable. This past year, more than 7,000 Jews have left France and made aliyah to The State of Israel. I'm an optimistic person and I always look for the silver lining, even at the worst of times. Too many anti-Semitic incidents have convinced many European Jews that Israel is their safest solution and their haven. Thank God that Israel is alive!

The Jewish population in France is around 500,000 and the Muslim population is approaching 5,000,000 and rapidly growing. It is painful for people to uproot themselves from the comfort of their homes, whether they've been there for one or multiple Generations. This is a trend that we must be very cognizant of and consider for ourselves.

My grief for the individuals killed in France seems surreal while continuing my daily routine. We may rail and preach, but what do we do? Should we run, move to Israel? In my opinion, we must be dual citizens. We cannot be forced into isolation and, ultimately, into extinction by anybody, especially not by extremists. We must continue to be a force for truth and justice, living freely everywhere in the world, especially here.

It is true that Muslims in France and Europe are feeling a significant backlash due the terror that their co-religionists have perpetrated. It is also true that the terrorists have slaughtered mostly Muslims. However they are feeling now, wouldn't this be a good time for moderate Muslims to stand firmly beside us in peace, and proclaim their rejection of hatred and the murder of all innocents?

**As our tradition has taught the world, we are a strong Jewish community that expresses its love for God and justice. Showing love and respect for each other and passionately loving Israel, the land and the people, gives context to what we can do and who we can be.**

We express our support for Israel in prayer, with music, art, and through intellectual endeavors. Most importantly, we are committed to teaching this message to our children. With this in mind, I hope you will consider participating with me and my family, Rabbi Wolkoff, and many members of our synagogue, religious school students, and USY in the **Rutgers Hillel FIT5K Run to Support Israel on the morning of April 19th** in New Brunswick's Buccleuch Park.

*"Now in its 4th year, the FIT5K is a 5-kilometer or 1-mile run/walk held to raise money and support for The Rutgers Hillel Center for Israel Engagement (RHCIE), which is the first permanent, pro-Israel center on any college campus. RHCIE is a model of excellence in Israel engagement, education, and advocacy on campus, and is driven by a core belief that a positive connection to Israel is essential for a strong, healthy Jewish identity."*

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## A Message From Our Co-Presidents



At the end of December, 2014, four of our CBT teenagers -- - Farrah Cukor, Amanda Scharf, Mikayla Talmud, and Hayley Nagelberg— attended the USY International Convention in Atlanta GA. This annual convention is an opportunity for friends from 17 regions in the US and Canada to renew powerful bonds, learn together, do social action projects, and demonstrate their indomitable USY spirit. This year, the teens had a unique opportunity to speak with top executives of CNN about the media's misleading coverage of November's devastating Har Nof massacre, which took the lives of four rabbis and a Druze first responder inside a synagogue in Israel.

The teens were outraged by CNN's responses to their questions about its portrayal of those events. One executive, pressured by Hayley for additional explanation, actually asked her if she is "brain dead." Her full account of this interaction with the CNN exec was posted on Times of Israel and quickly went viral. We urge you to read the entire blog here: <http://blogs.timesofisrael.com/today-i-was-asked-by-cnn-if-i-am-brain-dead/>

At the conclusion of the blog, Hayley sums up: "Richard Davis – to answer your question, 'Yes, I am serious. Yes, it's one word. It makes a difference. No, I am not brain dead. I am a seventeen-year old girl from New Jersey who is appalled by the biased media coverage of Israel here in America. I am disgusted by the false headlines.

I am pained by the ignorance of so many people, yourself included. And, most importantly, I am saddened and ashamed that there doesn't seem to be an end in sight. How many Israelis must be killed for the facts to be correct? How many innocent Palestinians living in the Gaza Strip, or the West Bank, or within the land of Israel, must be caught up in this web of lies before their stories can be freely shared? How many mornings must I wake up in fear as I reach for my phone to scroll through countless stories, from countless news organizations, trying to get a complete picture of what happened in my homeland while I slept? How many hashtag campaigns, angry teenagers, nasty emails must you see before you understand that your news is not balanced, is not fair, and is not accurate? I cannot sit back any longer and watch people like you continue to misreport the truth. In my fantasies, the answer to all of these questions is zero. The time for change is now, and if you are not prepared to be a part of the change, I ask you, 'Are you serious?... Are you brain dead?'"

In this new year of 2015, we hope that all CBT members take this message to heart, stand with Israel, and stand up for the truth. Let us follow the example of our stalwart teens and be an example in our community of courage, conviction, and love of Israel.

Sincerely,  
Allison Nagelberg, Co-President  
Ruth Anne Koenick, Co-President

## Please Stop Reading Hakol

Hakol is a wonderful resource and we value and appreciate the hard work and dedication of so many who write the columns, edit and proofread them, assemble the newsletter, print and, of course, distribute it. It is a Herculean task performed each and every month by dedicated volunteers, and we look forward to Hakol being an CBT asset for many years to come.

However, because of the long lead time needed to perform all these tasks, Hakol is not the best place to get information about upcoming events and activities.

For the most up-to-date info about events and activities, including times, locations, cancellations, last-minute changes, additions and corrections, please look for us on FaceBook or check out the calendar on the synagogue website.

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### **Thursday, February 5th @ 8:00 PM**

#### **Members Event - Whiskey Tasting Class**

Please see the website for details.

### **Sunday, Feb. 8th @ 8:00 PM**

#### **Community Event (No Charge) - Movie: *The Forgotten Refugees***

In 1945, there were one million Jews living in the Middle East and North Africa. For more than two millennia, they lived under varying rulers as part of the diverse fabric of peoples native to the region. Yet, in 1948, with the establishment of the State of Israel, Jewish life in other countries in the region dramatically began to disappear. Anti-Jewish riots - in reaction to the failure of attempts by Arab armies to eliminate the infant state of Israel, as well as the rise of post-colonial pan-Arabist movements - set off a massive wave of Jewish Emigration from the region. For decades, many Jews who fled their native homelands never shared their experiences of being forced into exile but, in "The Forgotten Refugees," stories of several Jewish refugees are told for the first time.

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### **Thursday, Feb. 19th @ 8:00 PM**

#### **Community Event – \$10 to benefit Friends of IDF - Special Speaker: *Noam Gershony***

On September 8, 2012, an entire nation watched as the flag of Israel was raised over the London Paralympics and as tears appeared on the face of the emotional young Israeli tennis champion, Noam Gershony. Six years before his gold medal win in wheelchair tennis, Noam was serving as an IDF Apache helicopter pilot. At the outbreak of the Second Lebanon War, he was severely injured in an operation that brought two helicopters down. Noam not only survived, he now serves as an inspiration for Israelis and Jews around the world; he is a symbol of hope, of determination, and triumph.

*Sponsored by the [Friends of the IDF](#). \$10 per person. All proceeds benefit the FIDF.*

### **Thursday, Feb. 26th @ 8:00 PM**

#### **Community Event (No Charge) - Special Movie: *Body and Soul***

*Body and Soul - The State of the Jewish Nation* presents a comprehensive examination of the broad and deep connections between the Jewish People and the Land of Israel. World-renowned historians, archaeologists, political scientists, religious leaders, and international law and media experts trace the evocative evolution of the relationship between the Jewish People and their homeland that is more than 3,000 years old. Don't miss this amazing film.

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### **Sunday, March 1st @ 1:00 PM**

#### **Members Event- Purim Pub Crawl**

If you were with us last year, you know how much fun this was. If you missed it, come check it out! We'll have bus transportation to New Brunswick, visit about six bars, and have a wonderful time!

### **Sunday, Mar. 15th @ 8:00 PM**

#### **Community Event (No Charge) - Special Movie: *Beneath the Helmet***

*Beneath the Helmet: From High School to the Home Front* is a coming-of-age story which follows the journey of five Israeli high school graduates who are drafted into the army to defend their country. At the age of 18, away from their homes, families and friends, these young individuals undergo a demanding, inspiring journey, revealing the core of who they are, and who they want to be. *Beneath the Helmet* illustrates how these young men and women are defending not only their homes, but also the values of peace, equality, opportunity, democracy, religious tolerance, and women's rights. The lessons they learn along the way are lessons that can be appreciated, understood, and internalized by the film's audience.

### **Thursday, Mar. 19th @ 8:00 PM**

#### **Community Event (No Charge) - Special Speaker: *Edwin Black***

Edwin Black is an American syndicated columnist and journalist. He specializes in human rights, the historical interplay between economics and politics in the Middle East, petroleum policy, the abuses practiced by corporations, and the financial underpinnings of Nazi Germany.

Black has been interviewed on hundreds of network broadcasts from Oprah, the Today Show, CNN Wolf Blitzer Reports, and NBC Dateline in the US, as well as the leading networks of Europe and Latin America. His works have been the subject of numerous documentaries, here and abroad. Many of his books have been optioned by Hollywood for film, with two in active production. Black's speaking tours include hundreds of events in dozens of cities each year, appearing at prestigious venues from the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. to the Simon Wiesenthal Institute in Los Angeles.

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# SISTERHOOD



## Save the Date

## March

### Wednesday, March 18th

**The Chicken Soup Project.** The Stein Hospice is the only Jewish Hospice caring for patients throughout our area and beyond. It Provides state-of-the art, end-of-life care in a manner that respects Jewish traditions, lifestyles, and values.

For a second year, The Bnai Tikvah Sisterhood will be participating in a program designed to provide homemade soup to the Hospice's many patients, families, and caregivers. This is a wonderful opportunity to engage in a community activity, cook homemade soup with love and care, and learn about hospice care as well.

We will need shoppers (beforehand), choppers, 'simmerers,' stirrers, 'seasoners,' and packers! The process will begin on Wednesday, March 18th, at 4 pm, and will culminate that evening in a program in which Sara Culang from Stein Hospice will present info on Stein Hospice and how our delicious soup will be used to nourish their patients' bodies and souls. Our own Jill Stone (who is a volunteer with Stein Hospice) will talk about her experience as a volunteer as well. If you cannot participate in the process ,please come to the evening program. If you are interested in helping ,please contact Caryl Greenberg at [carylgreenberg@verizon.net](mailto:carylgreenberg@verizon.net) or at 908.216.7616.

## April

Join Sisterhood for a Painting Party. More information to follow.

## This Month

### Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>

Sweet Random Acts of Kindness. Join us in baking and delivering homemade goodies to unsung heroes in our community. For details, please see the article in this Hakol on page 11.

### Thursday, February 19th

Join Sisterhood for a book review on "Marching to Zion" by *Mary Glickman*, 7:30 pm. "A wonderful and sad story about interracial relations in the 1910s and 1920 America. It follows a cast of Black and Jewish characters....They make for an intriguing and engaging cast to see us through their fateful journey through those times...." (By ChristophFischerBooks, [http://www.amazon.com/Marching-Zion-Novel-Mary-Glickman-ebook/dp/B00EP6PBFO/ref=tmm\\_kin\\_swatch\\_0?\\_encoding=UTF8&sr=&qid=](http://www.amazon.com/Marching-Zion-Novel-Mary-Glickman-ebook/dp/B00EP6PBFO/ref=tmm_kin_swatch_0?_encoding=UTF8&sr=&qid=)).

### Vendors Needed

Sisterhood is hosting a "Shop till You Drop" Vendor Fair on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015. If you know a vendor or if you are a vendor who is interested in participating, please email Jill at [jillfeisner@hotmail.com](mailto:jillfeisner@hotmail.com). Vendor fee is \$36.

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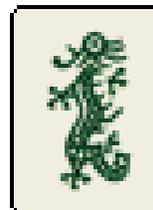
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## Another Viewpoint



### A Father – My Father

September 20, 2010, Father's Day. By 11AM I had received two phone calls and a card from my kids so far, and got to thinking of my own father. Mother's Day was a big deal in the 1930's of my youth. I'm not sure Father's Day had been invented, but I don't remember any talk of it in my day.

Relationships vary between parents and children in different cultures. In my experience, European fathers were sterner with their children than American-born parents. The Papa was the boss. He brought home the money and he made the rules. His efforts provided the shelter, food, clothes, medicine, books and whatever else it took to survive, especially during the Great Depression days. Although my Pop (as he was called) was literate in five or six languages, he and I almost never talked. I mean talk as in dialogue. It wasn't until I was in my later High School years that we had anything that could be called a conversation.

Sometimes Pop would make a suggestion and other times a statement. If my brothers or I had a request, it was answered with a yes or no. Don't get me wrong; my father was a kind and thoughtful person. He was well liked by the extended family on both sides and very popular with his friends and landsmen. He just didn't know how to relate to children, other than to smile and pinch their cheeks, which could make some little ones avoid him.

Each of us has a memory gate. Some larger, some small and narrow. Some open easily, some slowly and creakily and reluctantly; some will swing open to let others in or out. Papa would tell stories of his life in the shtetel, of before he came to America after World War I.

Almost always, it would be at night, especially on Friday night after lights out. Then he would tell us stories about his experiences in the Russian Army during World War I. The sounds of shells whistling overhead during a barrage, or the rat-a-tat of machine gun fire. He told about the time that he spent as a German prisoner of war at a coal mine and was promoted to be clerk when they found out that he was literate.

Pop also told stories about growing up as a boy in the little shtetel of Russia/Poland (the flexible border moved according to who was in power at the moment). One of his funniest stories was about the time that the Rabbi had to leave his class to go out unexpectedly. The classroom was in the Rabbi's home. He warned the eight- and nine-year-old boys that they were expected to study and be on their best behavior while he was out.

No sooner was the Rabbi out, when the boys, so unused to being on their own, reverted to being boys. There were no schoolyards to play in in those days and so they began to look for ways to amuse themselves outside the classroom. The end result? When the Rabbi's wife opened her flour bin, imagine her surprise when out jumped a mouse.

Boys will be boys, won't they?

Aaron Rosloff

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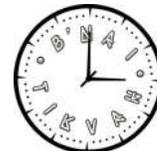
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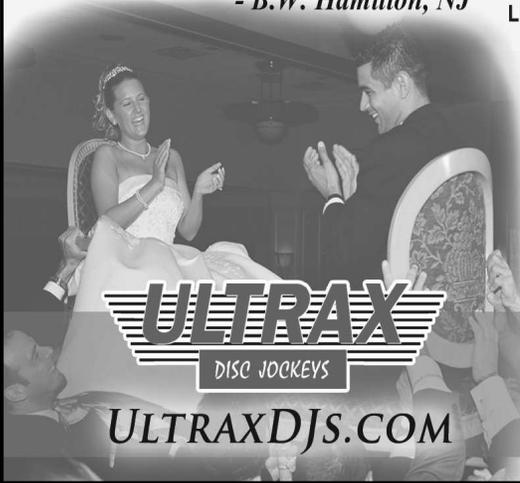
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If you would like to bake, we will assemble platters on February 12<sup>th</sup> for distribution on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, before Shabbat (if we get enough volunteers), and on Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.

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## Oh What a Night - March 7!!

In just one month we will be honoring **Cindy and Neal Gittleman** at our annual fundraising gala.

They have been integral to the growth of B'nai Tikvah for decades - the growth of its membership, its musical life and its spirit of menschlichkite and have touched the lives of hundreds of CBT members over the years.

Come out and celebrate their contributions to our community!

By now you should have received your invite! If not, you can RSVP and pay online at [bnaitikvah.org/gala](http://bnaitikvah.org/gala).

It's not too late to support our fundraising effort as generously as you can by becoming an Angel sponsor, donating/soliciting items for our silent auction (see [bnaitikvah.org/letter.pdf](http://bnaitikvah.org/letter.pdf)) and/or taking out a congratulatory ad in our tribute book (see [bnaitikvah.org/gala](http://bnaitikvah.org/gala) for more information, deadline February 7, 2015).

To get involved in planning this event or for further information, please email or call **LouAnne and John Wolf** at 732-585-6325 or [lawolfie@gmail.com](mailto:lawolfie@gmail.com).

## Greetings from Jennifer James, Director of Education



Israel is very much on my mind these days. But not for the reasons you might think.

Whether I am following the news, or corresponding with friends in Israel, or planning Israel-related curriculum and projects for our Religious School, what I keep coming back to is this: “How do our children – our young people growing up in New Jersey and elsewhere in America, in 2015 – *feel* about Israel?”

I think about this because I know that there is a growing “Israel identification” gap among American Jews. Simply stated, those who are in their 20s and younger are far less likely to feel connected to Israel, to feel that Israel matters to their own lives, to feel that Israel is a “second home” to them simply by virtue of the fact that they are Jewish, than their parents and grandparents tend to feel. The Pew Study reported on this, and my own experience as an educator and a parent tells me this as well. So Israel is on my mind as I consider *why* this is so, and *what* I - - as an educator and as a parent - - can do about it.

Surely, it is critical that young Jews have a strong foundation of knowledge about Israel. That is why Israel is woven into everything we do in the B'nai Tikvah Religious School and youth groups. When the CBT Chai teens were choosing mitzvah projects to work on, one of the subjects I suggested was Women of the Wall, a group that works for women's equality in religious and public life in Israel, including (but not only) at the Kotel. Many of our teens seized on this and have developed a true passion for this cause, which they are hoping to share with the rest of the congregation in the coming months.

When the Dalet and Hei students were learning about *bal taschit* (to commandment to avoid waste), I made sure they were exposed to the amazing technologies that Israel is spearheading in environmental and agricultural science. The Gimmel students are spending the entire year learning Jewish history, which is taking them from ancient Israel to modern Israel and drawing connections between the two. And I am very excited for our Kadimaniks to experience an afternoon of activities led by a former IDF lieutenant who will expose them to the culture and values of Israel's defense forces; and for our older teens to engage in programming designed to prepare them for living a pro-Israel life on college campuses that often seem anything but pro-Israel. From major programming to passing references and everything in between, I believe Israel should be an integral part of all our education here at B'nai Tikvah.

And yet . . . I am keenly aware that knowledge simply is not enough. While it is necessary that we educate our young people about Israel, information alone is not sufficient to foster a personal sense of connection with the Jewish homeland.

Which brings me back to my musings about why our youth tend not to feel personally connected to Israel, and what I can do about that. Here is what I think is critical: they need to know why *I* feel it. Not to be told why they “should” feel the connection, but to be told why *I do* feel it. I need to share with my students, and with my own children, what Israel means to me and why I cannot conceive of a Jewish life that does not include a deep love for Israel at its core. And this requires no small amount of personal soul-searching, as I strive to articulate something that is so firmly embedded that it does not lend itself to ready explanation.

So this is my challenge, and I extend it to you as well: to give some serious thought to why Israel is an essential part of my Jewish identity, and yours, and to share it with our children. Lectures on how they “should feel” won't stick, but living, breathing examples of how the adults in their lives actually *do* feel just might be transformational.

B'shalom,

Jennifer

### THANK YOU.....

#### 2014 NEEDY FAMILY PROGRAM A SUCCESS!

This year, we sponsored six families totaling 27 people: five families from New Brunswick and one family from our own community.

Because of our efforts, these people will enter 2015 with the basic things we all take for granted: winter coats, boots, clothing, blankets, pillows, dishes, silverware...and the list goes on and on.

The families from New Brunswick were extremely poor. On one family's wish list was a request for paper towels and toothbrushes....

The day after the social worker delivered the gifts to one of the families, a ten-year-old girl ran into her office wearing her new sneakers! The little girl was so excited. She said, “We are waiting for

Christmas to open most of the presents, but I did not have any shoes that fit me so my mom let me have them before Christmas!”

Our program is a success due to the generosity of those who participate. To those who sponsored a child, adult, or family and bought, wrapped, and dropped off the gifts, thank you for your time, efforts, and expense. Many of you have been with the Needy Family Program since its inception and I can't thank you enough. Thanks, also, to all who donated money. Please know that every penny was used toward needed purchases for these families.

A big thanks goes to Jennifer Shapiro for her ongoing support, Help, and commitment to this program.

We are a wonderful community who always answers to the call to help. I wish you all a year full of health, peace, and contentment.

Janice Baer

## MEN'S CLUB

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"So why is that?" asks Judith.

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"No ,I don't, Renee," replies Judith. "I've found a way around such problems."

"So what do you do then?" asks Renee.

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**Rabbi** - continued from page 2

Seen from the offices of *Charlie Hebdo*, it is today easy to see how utterly irresponsible such language is. It gives a moral blank check to any aggrieved party who feels they are being oppressed -- whether by a school, or a cartoon they don't like.

By allowing this (im)moral anarchy to take root, the United Nations, and the countries that supported that resolution, committed a crime against the very core of civilization as we know it—the recognition that, in a civilized society, the greater one's passion, the greater the demands for restraint. In place of this fundamental principle that makes human society livable, the U.N. substituted a recipe for utter depravity: the more intensely you feel you are right in your fight against oppression, the more grotesquely you may give expression to your feelings-- everything from shooting cartoonists at their desks to babies in their cribs.

Our task is to make sure that the world understands the moral dead end it has entered, and get it to reverse course. Our task is to make sure the world understands that in Paris last month, the French, and the world, experienced the whirlwind one reaps after sowing the wind (see Hosea 8:7).

When a million people marched down the streets of Paris, a few of them even carried a "Je suis Juif" sign. Maybe, just maybe, people are beginning to understand.

We can always hope.

## Recognition of the CBT Family

We know we're good people and - - in January - - the names of three of us appeared favorably in New Jersey Jewish News.

Janice Baer was extolled as an "absolutely wonderful" social worker by a Holocaust survivor's son in an article on JFCS's homecare services.

Rabbi Robert Wolkoff was one of the signers of a full page ad fostering elimination of domestic abuse.

Hayley Nagelberg was featured in a CNN-connected article. (See Hakol, page four, "A Message from our Co-Presidents.")

**Cantor** - continued from page 3

More information and a link to registration forms will be available on our website shortly. Walk or run, you have plenty of time to get into shape. I'm looking forward to joining many members of our CBT family and the Rutgers community. Together, we can make a difference.

Their are folded pieces of paper on the righthand side of the photo below. They are your written prayers, which I collected and placed in the Western Wall this past summer. May your prayers be heard.

Worship the Lord with Gladness and Joy  
Cantor Bruce Rockman

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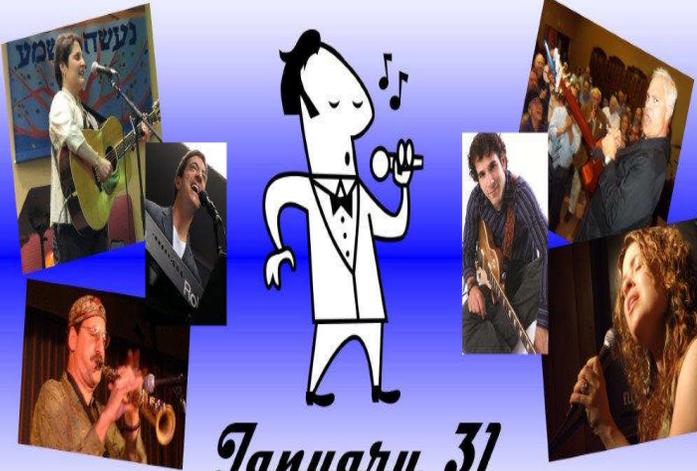
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