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#### **JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS**

1/5 Blood Drive
1/11 Raise Our Voice
for Israel
1/18 Tu B'Shevat Dinner
1/19 Shabbat Shirah
1/26 It's That 70's Thing

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Kehillah v'T'fillah: Community and Prayer

Kehillah, a gathering of people, is the term used in traditional sources to refer to an entire Jewish community; to all the Jews living within a particular area. In the Torah, the verb form is used to describe Moshe's gathering together the Israelites to encounter the Holy One at Sinai and later to meet the Divine Presence at the Tent of Meeting. Throughout the ages, Jews gave their primary allegiance to the Kehillah. In return, the Kehillah maintained the array of institutions needed by that com-

rabbinic courts, schools, synagogues, mikva-ot, poor houses, and hostels for travelers. In the modern era, membership in a Kehillah has become increasingly voluntary and has come to denote participation in a particular synagogue.

To call ourselves a Kehillah is to tell only half of who and what we are at B'nai Tikvah. If you look carefully at the cornerstone near the main entrance to the synagogue, you will see that in the Hebrew, above the name B'nai Tikvah, is the Hebrew letter, koof, repeated twice and separated by an apostrophe. This is an abbreviation used routinely to introduce the name of the congregation or community. The first koof stands for Kehillah, community. The second koof acts as a modifier; a definer of the nature of that Kehillah. It stands for the term kodesh holy. It is a statement that the community is a sacred one; committed to the values of the Holy One.

One of the primary expressions of this awareness of being a sacred community, a holy society, is by gathering together in prayer. While prayer is a self-reflective activity it is also a communal activity. One of my teachers, Rabbi Simon Greenberg, of blessed memory, used to compare it to trees in a forest and say that we all stand in prayer separately, together.

This quorum of ten Jewish adults is called a minyan and constitutes the public setting for prayer. The high value our sages of blessed memory placed on community led them to declare that the value of public prayer is of greater merit than private prayer. Certain parts of the liturgy-barchu, the call to worship God; the public repetition of the amidah including the kedusha, the responsive declaration of Divine holiness; the reading of the Torah and the Torah service; as well as all versions of kaddish; - are eliminated from the service if a minyan is not present.

The very language of liturgy reflects both the personal and communal aspects of prayer. For example, the three paragraphs of the Sh'ma reflect both the role of the individual as well as the sense of collective responsibility. The powerful opening words of the Sh'ma, Hear O Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord is One, is stated in the plural, not the singular. The other central prayer of the service, the Amidah, is also written in the plural. It is this emphasis that leads Jews to seek out a minyan in which to pray. Praying as part of a minyan reminds us that we do not stand alone; that we are part of a community. Through participation in a minyan, we fulfill a portion of our responsibility to the other members of our community. Our presence makes it possible for mourners and for those observing a vahr-

loving, warm, and supportive environment bringing a measure of comfort to the bereaved. To pray with them and to enable them to recite kaddish adds to our own spiritual growth and wellbeing. Just as we would not let mourners be alone in a house of shiva, we must leave them alone in the House of Prayer.

The Religious Activities Committee has recently launched a new initiative designed to bolster the strength of our daily minyan and insure that, at minimum, a minyan will be present at all services. Please support their efforts and your fellow congregants with the blessing of your presence.

> With blessings. Rabbi David M. Eligberg

#### And now for something completely different...

At last month's congregational meeting I put forward the idea of creating an audio-visual history of Binai Tikvah. The goal, in part, is to record the stories and the events that characterized the early years of the congregation and following through the years how the values of our community have been put into action and the dreams of the past realized. To be successful, this project will require people with an array of skills. If you are interested in working on this project please contact me. Thanks in advance for your enthusiasm.

Rabbi David M. Eligberg

#### SCHEDULE OF DAILY SERVICES

Sunday	9:00 AM	Shahareet	7:30 PM	Mincha/Maari v
Monday			7:30 PM	Mincha/Maariv
Tuesday			7:30 PM	Mincha/Maariv
Wednesda	Y		7:30 PM	Mincha/Maariv
Thursday	7:00 AM	Shahareet	7:30 PM	Mincha/Maariv
Friday			8:00 PM	Kabbalat Shabbat
Saturday	9:30 AM	Shabbat*	PM	Mincha/Maariv**

Babysitting available Shabbat morning 10:00—12:00 As appropriate for the time of year

#### **OUR HAZZAN'S VOICE**

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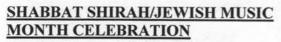
The Sons of Tikvah Sing-A-Long and Ma'ariv the Musical

Music speaks to our souls, the experience will be spiritual, emotional, physical, intellectual and loads of fun. This opportunity to sing as one is an expression our community. In this article, as opposed to my last one, I will leave the review of the event to you, but I'm confident that we will inspire you with lively music. After our last two appearances, a dozen members have asked to join our musical program! To paraphrase the Psalmist, we will praise God with drums and dance, with singing and strings, with resounding cymbals, trumpet calls saxophones and clarinets too!

#### RAISE OUR VOICES FOR ISRAEL, Saturday January 11th 2003 at 8:00PM

The Sons of Tikvah Band will represent our congregation at this special evening at Temple Emanuel in Edison. Diane Uniman, one of the organizers of the event will also be a soloist. We will join over a dozen other area synagogues and their musical groups to raise funds to secure the children in Israel. As the terror continues in our homeland, we are being asked to respond with donations and our presence at this area wide continuousness-raising event. Please join us for this important night of solidarity.

Tickets are available in the synagogue office. Donations are \$18 per person. Your donation will be matched dollar for dollar by our local Federation.



Sunday, January 19th at 6:30 pm

A time of song and great joy. The Torah portion sings.



"Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to God" (Exodus 15:1). "Then Miriam the prophetess, Aaron's sister, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women went out after her in dance with timbrels. And Miriam chanted for them, "Sing to God, for God has triumphed gloriously" (15:20-1). Again in the haftarah, there is song. Deborah the prophetess sings of gratitude to God after her people's victory in her day. No wonder that this Shabbat is called Shabbat Shirah, the Shabbat of Song. The liturgy, even more than usual, sings of gratitude and joy and faith. The annual Sons of Tikyah Sing-a-long honoring Shabbat Shirah and Jewish Music Month will be presented on Sunday, January 19th at 6:30 PM. This family event will feature our musical mispahcha. The Sons of Tikvah Band, The Makehla and our youth chorus, Kol Tikvah will sing and play joyous music for the congregation. We will play songs that you know by heart, like Havah Negilla and Ohseh Shalom, and some that you will easily be able to follow and also sing. Song sheets that will be both translated and transliterated will be given to all participants.

Maariv the Musical? We will lead the congregation in evening prayers during our program. Through the music of modern Jewish

composers, Marty Angstreich, our musical director and I have developed a new weekday evening service, Maariv, with special musical accompaniment. The special service will feature traditional nusach (melodies) and modern compositions by Debbie Friedman, Rick Recht, and Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach,

and some surprises. All of our musical groups will participate in the service. We hope you will enjoy this experiment.

Jewish Music Month begins in January on Shabbat Shira. Jewish Music Month began fifty-seven years ago here in the United States. It has spread all over the world, so

that all the Jewish communities will celebrate this Month with a new appreciation of Jewish music. It has been accepted in most of the world. in the Diaspora as well as in Israel.



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#### SUBMISSION DEAD-LINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF HAKOL IS **JANUARY 15**

Hakol, the newsletter of Congregation B'nai Tikvah, is published and mailed to congregants ten times annually.

Submissions are subject to available space and editorial constraints. Editorial submissions must be in text format. Do not submit finished advertisements or flyers.

TEXT: Send in an email to Hakol@bnaitikvah.org. You can also write the article in MSWord. Wordperfect, MSPublisher ONLY and attach it to an e-mail. Don't go wild with funky fonts and wild formatting. Graphics embedded in documents may not import correctly.

IMAGES AND GRAPHICS: If you have images or graphics you want to include, we'd prefer high resolution (300 dpi) jpegs.

SEND YOUR SUBMISSIONS TO: Hakol@bnaitikvah.org, or drop them in the Hakol mailbox in the synagogue office, or snail mail to Paul and Nancy Zankel 15 Hershey Road East Brunswick, NJ 08816

ADVERTISING RATE INFO: Contact Tammy Zimmerman: 732-398-1420.

#### Our Hazzan's Voice (continued)

Many Jewish composers, musicians, and singers have contributed to the world of music: Leonard Bernstein, Aaron Copeland, George Gershwin, Isaac Stern, Pinchas Zuckerman, Itzhak Perlman, Paul Simon, Bob Dylan, to name a few. However, if we examine the music of Bob Dylan it is typically American folk music not necessarily Jewish in spirit. Dylan's music expresses Jewish themes and desires in the same way as Tchaikovsky expresses these for Russia. A definition of Jewish music could be: That music which is composed by Jewish people who raise the voice of their heritage. It represents the expression of Jewish sources, Jewish ideas, and Jewish values. An example of this is Leonard Bernstein's first Third Symphony, Kaddish. One could argue that universal themes of love and faith are also appropriate expressions of Jewish values and aspirations. Paul Simon and Bob Dylan's music certainly do contain these expressions. For me, it isn't possible to separate their Jewishness from their music.

Worship the Lord in gladness, come before God with joyous song.

B'simcha Cantor Bruce Rockman



Congregation B'nai Tikvah will kick off it's Seventeenth Year of Blood Donor Drives

on Sunday, January 5th - from 11am until 3pm. The need for blood during the long holiday season is again super-critical so please join us, and be one of your community's lifesavers.

Blood supplies collected have only 42-days of shelf life and then must be replaced. It's most important to maintain a five day supply of blood continually. The country's needs are ongoing!

New FDA restrictions have created more challenges to donors, and less than 3% of eligible donors in NI donate. Please become a multiple times a year

donor, and encourage your older teenagers and young adults at home to join the fold.

Congregants 17 through 75 are eligible. You must be in good general health and weigh at least II0-lbs. It's advisable to have eaten before donating, and an ID with your signature is necessary, FDA Regulations require a Social Security number on your application. Advance reservations aren't needed, and the entire donation process takes less than an hour

And you can watch your favorite football game while you donate. For further information, or if you'd like to help us with the drive, contact Marty Engel @ 732 297-3198.

## **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS**

#### Ann Kanarek, Director

Tu B'Shevat—New Year of the Trees

The people of Israel have proven that, tree by tree, they can restore the environment from a barren desert back to a Garden of Eden. Perhaps that is why Tu B'Shevat, the New Year of the trees, has gained importance in modern times. Tu B'Shevat is a holiday we celebrate on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month of Shevat. This year it comes on January 18.

Russian poet Shaul Tchernichovsky emigrated to Israel in 1931. In 1943 near the end of his life he wrote a Tu B'Shevat poem to the children of Israel. He wrote, "Here every tree is precious." "How happy we are with every new tree we plant! With hard work and great patience, we wait for each tree to grow, and count each and every one."

"You, children, are like those trees ----very, very precious....We hope you will strike roots deep, deep in the soil of our homeland, and no wind in the world will move you from your place. Hold tightly to every clump of earth clinging to your roots----and you will never be uprooted!"

Shalom and blessings to our children for yet another new year. My very best wishes to all of you for a new year filled with Jewish pride, spirit and enthusiasm.

#### A PAJAMA HAVDALLAH PARTY Saturday, February 1, at 6:30pm

Popular singer, song writer and children's entertainer, Andi Josef will join us in a special Havdallah musical program. Ms. Josef will lead us in a spectacular Havdallah service full of singing, dancing and audience participation. Her program will include familiar, traditional and original music. She has released three albums: "BELIEVE," "I've Got a Shabbat Feeling!" and a Hanukah recording "It Was a Miracle."

All nursery and school age children (5-8) are invited to this special Pajama Havdallah party. Children should wear their favorite sleepwear and bunny slippers and bring a teddy bear or favorite bedtime buddy.

This program will include stories, milk and cookies, as well as an introduction to Havdallah by the Rabbi and Cantor as part of the Shabbat ritual.

A special thank you to our Nursery School for helping to support this special program.

#### BARRICINI PASSOVER CANDY SALE

It's not too early to start thinking Passover. Check our website and your children's book bag for a Barton Passover Candy Sale form. Our candy sale is going on right now. If you have any questions regarding the candy, please call us at the School Office, 732-297-0295. All student entrepreneurs will be rewarded with an incentive prize. Our top prizes are very exciting. So, join the fun; sell to family and friends but PLEASE do not

solicit door-to-door. Our children's safety is important to us. Your support of the candy sale will go to future extracurricular and school enrichment programs.

> Hurry!! The sale will end on February 23rd. Many thanks for your support!!

#### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR

Sat. 1/11	Hei Class Shabbat Service and
	Luncheon
Sun. 1/19	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL,
	Professional Growth Day
Mon. 1/20	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
	Martin Luther King Day
Sat. 1/25	Havdallah Service-Grades 3-6,
	4:30 pm—6:00 pm
Sun. 1/26	Chai School Special, Theater Ariel
Sat. 2/1	Pajama Havdallah Service,
	Pre K-Grade 2 with singer/
	performer Andi Josef
Fri. 2/7	Alef Class Naming Ceremony and
	Dinner, 6:30 pm
Sun. 2/16, Mon. 2/17	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
Juli 2/20, 1/2011	President's Weekend
Sun. 2/23	Bet Class PACT Program:
Jun 2/20	God Talk



The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, working in conjunction with the Blue and White Gallery in Jerusalem, has established a link on the USCJ website that will take you to wonderful shopping in Israel.

The site, All For Israel, showcases a variety of unique and useful gifts. With one purchase we can accomplish two goals-a gift for that special occasion and a boost to the Israeli economy.

Take a few minutes and visit the USCJ site at www.uscj.org or www.allforisrael.com.

## NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

#### Fran Pearlson, Director

The nursery school will ring in a new year and celebrate its 28th anniversary. As in past years we will stir up our children's curiosity with an assortment of special activities and meaningful programs.

#### Tu B'Shevat Treats

During the month of January our children will learn that trees have a midwinter birthday, Tu B'Shevat. Each year at Tu B'Shevat Israeli school children put on their boots and raincoats and climb the hills to plant baby trees and seeds. It is customary for them to eat the fruits and nuts that come from the kinds of trees that grow in Israel like oranges, carobs, and almonds.

This Tu B'Shevat tradition will be carried on at our nursery school. Our children will plant seeds and get to watch them take root and grow. The celebration will continue with a delicious tasting party. The children will have the opportunity to taste many of the fruits grown in Israel. Samples of chocolate kisses (carob) oranges, Fig Newton Cookies, apricots and other tasty treats will be offered.

#### Do You Want To Be A "ROCK" Star?

During the month of January we are offering all parents and extended family members the opportunity of a lifetime. Have you ever dreamed of being a "ROCK" star but opted for the more conventional career path?

We can make your dream come true! Just come and read outloud a story to your child's class. We encourage you to bring in your child's favorite book to read. By participating in our "ROCK" - Reading Out loud Creates Knowledge program you will forever be a JCC of North & South Brunswick Nursery School "ROCK" Star. A picture of you and your child will be placed on our "Wall of Fame" bulletin board along with our other "ROCK" stars. A sign-up sheet will be posted outside our classroom doors starting on Thursday, January 2nd. We look forward to your participation in our literacy program.

### **FAMILY SHABBAT** FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

A monthly children's service is held on the third Friday night of each month at 7:00 PM. This is an abbreviated service designed for families with young children. Active participation in the service is encouraged.

Contact Jackie Master @ 545-8021 or Lisa Seidman @ 297-6950.

#### NURSERY SCHOOL CALENDAR

Thurs, 1/2 **School Resumes** 

Thurs, 1/2 Mommy & Me Winter Session

Begins

**Nursery School Open House** Wed. 1/8

9:00 am-11:00 am

Tues. 1/14—Thurs. 1/16 Pre-K Parent Teacher

Conferences

Tu B'Shevat (parties to be held Sat. 1/18

during the week)

Mon. 1/20 NO SCHOOL

(Martin Luther King Day) 2 1/2 year old Conferences

Thurs. 1/23 3 year old Conferences Mon. 1/27

#### REMINDER!

2003—2004 NURJERY JCHOOL REGISTRATION BEGINS MONDAY, JANUARY 27

#### Mommy & Me Program Registration

Registration is now taking place for January 2003. Registration packets are available in the nursery school office. Temple members receive priority registration and discounted tuition rates.

Classes with parent/caregiver:

Tots (12-18 months), Tykes (18-24 months)

Classes without parent/caregiver:

Toddler Fun Club (24-30 months)

#### TOT SHABBAT SATURDAY SHABBAT SERVICES

3-5 Year Olds: January 11 5 -7 Year Olds January 25

10 am-11 am Babysitting 11 am-12 pm Tot Shabbat

### **B'NAI TIKVAH YOUTH**

## KADIMA

JANUARY CALENDAR

January 19th:

KADIMA DAY! 2pm - 8pm in Ridgewood

Mall Scavenger Hunt January 26th:

12:45 - 2:30 - Menlo Park Mall

Ouestions? Contact advisor Kfir Weinrab at HeyMisterW@aol.com

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- · Register at http://bnaitikvah.org/swap.html
- Fax registration to Cyndi Kleinbart at 732-297-2390
- Send registration info to Cyndi.Kleinbart@bnaitikvah.org
- · Leave completed complete registration in synagogue office

Name	Age
Email (to confirm registration) Telephone Number	
Address  Items to Trade (not required)	
Items Sought (not required)	

Volunteers Wanted: To help with event registration, refreshments, set up/clean up, , "Trader Joes" (mediate

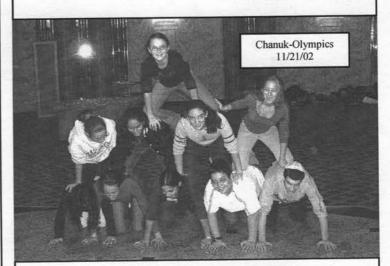
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Erin Marx, Co-President 732-297-2055 Dogzonwheelz@yahoo.com

Last weekend, Hagalil held the area shabbatons in Livingston and East Windsor. Members of B'nai Tikvah's USY attended the southern area shabbaton in East Windsor. We talked about the very broad topic of tikun olam, or repairing the world. Our group leaders read us a story about a rabbi who set off to repair the world, but was surprised as his efforts did nothing. So he returned to his little village and worked to repair poverty there, but still there was no widespread effect. At last he realized he could repair the world by starting in his own home with his wife and children. His example could extend through his children and wife and on to others. This holiday season (yes I know Hanukah is over), we should all look to start repairing the world, beginning in our own homes.

Elvse Ross V.P. Communications



#### USY JANUARY CALENDAR

Jan 9th TBA

**USY Service** Jan 11

"Rafi's Night" (Tu b'Shevat program) Jan 23rd

Jan 26th NYC trip

**USY Basketball** 

Jan 5th- @ Metuchen, 2pm

Jan 12- @ Ocean, 4:30pm

Jan 19th- @ Marlboro, 3:00pm

Jan 26th- OFF

#### **B'NAI TIKVAH YOUTH**

Registration has begun for the

## 2003 USY SUMMER PROGRAMS

USY on Wheels, USY Pilgrimage, Summer in the City, Outdoor Adventure, and European Experience.

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

#### A TOUCHING COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

On Sunday, Nov. 24, I had my first opportunity to attend a B'nai Tikvah event since I began working here in September. I'm writing to express my gratitude for having been able to participate in such a moving service.

As I walked in the synagogue doors, I was impressed with the commitment of B'nai Tikvah members and their genuine desire to reach out to the greater Community in welcome. The spirit of warmth and the longing to make contact with our non-Jewish neighbors was almost palpable.

Arriving unaccompanied, I took a seat next to a non-member who later introduced herself as Sandy. "Is this your church?" she asked me. I explained that I work at the synagogue, so she began to ask me about various ritual objects. I pointed out and explained the ner tamid (eternal light) and the aron kodesh (holy ark.). Sandy, in turn, pointed out her daughter in the chorus (front row, third girl from the right.)

I marveled at the diversity of musical offerings. One after another, groups ranging from the Crossroads Middle School Chorus to the Georges Road Baptist Church Ensemble led the congregation in rousing songs of thanks giving. The Sons of Tikvah band was amazing! I literally had to restrain myself from dancing when Cantor Rockman, Makelah, and the band started Romemu.

'The room was filled with Jews, Protestants, Catholics, and even a sprinkling of Muslims, all joined in thanksgiving. In the spirit of fellowship, this unlikely mixture of people enthusiastically sang and clapped with the Evangel Church Praise Group, and then held hands and swayed together while singing Oseh Shalom (May God Make Peace.)

As Sandy and I held hands and sang, Turn, Turn, Turn with the rest of the Jews, and Moslems, Protestants, and Catholics, it became clear that the presence of God had filled the sanctuary. This became even clearer as I observed Rabbi Eligberg sharing the bimah with reverends, a priest, and an imam, and giving each of them the opportunity to lead the community in prayer. I was especially impressed with the Rabbi's courage and the congregation's open-mindedness, as each religious leader was respectfully permitted to pray in the name of his particular conception of God.

I left the service singing Romemu (Exalt God!) and feeling really blessed to be working in such an amazing congregation.

I wish everyone a happy and peaceful 2003.

B'shalom, Miriam Libove-Goldfarb Clergy Assistant

#### **MAZON: FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

When we received our letter from B'nai Tikvah notifying us of Adam's Bar Mitzvah date, we were filled with excitement and disbelief. Where did the years go? As we continued to read the part about reserving the catering hall, we thought- were they serious? How could we possibly know if we wanted to use the catering hall Shabbat afternoon, Motzei Shabbat (Saturday night), Sunday afternoon or Sunday night? At that point we couldn't tell you what we were doing next week let alone three years from then! And so, the Bar Mitzvah planning began.

We opted for a celebration following Shabbat services. One decision made, so many more to follow. We knew from the beginning that the centerpieces would be baskets filled with items to be donated. We had been to other Bar Mitzvahs where books, toys, food, and toiletries filled the baskets. We felt that the donation "theme" was a beautiful and appropriate one.

In the book Hilchot Yom Tov, (6:17-18) when talking about Festivals, Rambam states "...and when one eats one must include the stranger, the orphan and widow and all the poor who feel neglected. One who closes his front door, eating and drinking with the family, but does not feed the poor and the outcast letting them share his drink, this is not the "celebration of mitzvah" (simchat mitzvah) but rather a self fulfilling indulgent celebration."

We decided to fill the baskets with food to be donated to the Middlesex County Jewish Family Services. It was a family event shopping for the nonperishable items. Some of our friends helped us arrange the baskets. A few days after the Bar Mitzvah we took the baskets over to JFS and as a family, stocked the food items in their food bank pantry. We also decided to donate a portion of our catering costs to MAZON. MAZON was created in 1985 by members of the Jewish community in response to a tremendous need and inspired by Jewish values. MAZON is a Jewish response to hunger. It is a national, nonprofit agency, which allocates donations from the Jewish community to nonprofit organizations, providing food, help and hope to hungry people of all faiths and backgrounds. It is a vehicle through which we can add public service to our private celebrations.

In earlier days, when Jews held a simcha, the poor of the community shared in the celebration receiving both food and alms. Today, while we are intellectually aware of their needs, physically they remain invisible to us. MAZON suggests that we voluntarily add three percent (though donations of any amount are welcome) to the cost of our celebrations as an offering to help defeat the scourge of hunger here at home, Israel, and throughout the world. People can also make contributions in honor or in memory of friends and loved ones.

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(continued from page 9) MAZON ("food" in Hebrew) was founded to build a bridge between Jews who enjoy the blessings of abundance, and the millions of children and adults who are hungry, or who live at the very edge of hunger, each day. Even in this era of unprecedented abundance, more than 33 million Americans including 12 million children, are hungry or at the very edge of hunger, because their families lack the money to buy sufficient food.

Since its beginning, MAZON has granted more than \$30 million to emergency food providers, food banks, and advocacy groups, which seek long-term solutions to the issue of hunger. Grantees also include groups, which provide multiple services to low income individuals and families. They assist people as varied as children suffering from "failure to thrive" syndrome in Boston, African-American farmers struggling to keep their land in Georgia, elderly, frail Jews in Chicago and Arab and Jewish children in Israel who receive meals in an after-school enrichment program.

In the end, we were pleased with our decisions and found comfort in incorporating the mitzvah of tzedaka into the very special celebration of Adam's bar mitzvah.

If you wish to make a donation, checks can be made payable to MAZON and sent to the synagogue office for forwarding to the organization. For more information, contact Rabbi Eligberg or visit www.MAZON.org.

The information about MAZON was taken from the Congregation B'nai Tikvah Bar/Bat Mitzvah Handbook and the MAZON website, www.mazon.org.

Have a happy and safe new year.

Shelly Talmud

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#### KOL TIKVAH IT'S JUST THE BEGINNING

Well, we did it! It seems like we started so long ago, but in reality everything happened in about an eight-week timeframe. First came the original conversation with the Cantor: "How about putting together a youth chorus for the Chanukah Party?" I knew that Cantor Rockman would offer overwhelming support for any music program that would include the younger members of our Congregation. Then came the Sunday evening auditions -- a small, but very enthusiastic turnout indeed.

When all was said and done, we realized we had about five weeks to get everyone and everything ready. There was a significant amount of hard work ahead for all of us. We had to pick music, create song sheets, write musical arrangements for the Sons of Tikvah to accompany the kids, procure sound equipment, etc. But one thing never faltered: the desire to bring a new dimension to B'nai Tikvah through the voices of our children.

We rehearsed one to two days a week, not an easy task with all the extracurricular activities everyone was already committed to (thanks to Mrs. Kanarek for supporting our Sunday morning rehearsals). We sang, we laughed, we "DJ'd" (inside joke!), and we rehearsed until the big day, Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. I have to admit, it went right down to the wire, but the new Kol Tikvah ("Voices of Hope") were incredible. If you were there, then you truly were treated to something very special: a wonderful Chanukah celebration, and a very talented group of kids and teens that we hope will continue to grow in size and in participation at many temple activities to come.

My sincerest thanks to all our Kol Tikvah members for their hard work and dedication to making the evening a huge success (in alphabetical order): Alyson Angstreich, Evan Angstreich, Jaclyn Angstreich, Hilary Berk, Samantha Berk, Margot Cohen, Kira Greenberg, Matthew Katz, Melissa Katz, Jesse Nagelberg, Jenifer Resnick, Frankie Schwimmer, Iris Schwimmer, Rebecca Shapiro, Ellie Tunison, Carly Weinreb, and Eliza Weinreb.

I also want to extend my gratitude to The Sons of Tikvah Band (Jerry 1, Jerry 2, Joe, Hank, Slappy, and Larry) for their exceptional musicianship and professionalism, as well as a tremendous amount of thanks Cantor Rockman for his time, energy, enthusiasm, and overall support for this new program. Without him, none of this would be possible.

A number of parents came up to me after the Chanukah Party wanting to know how their child could join Kol Tikvah. It's very simple: see Cantor Rockman for a copy of our audition form, fill it out, and return it to the Cantor. The next time we hold open auditions, we'll contact you ahead of time to let you know when and where. Anyone between the ages of 8 and 18 are welcome to join, so keep your eyes and ears open for the next announcement right here in Hakol.

Our ultimate goal is to continue to bring music to our (continued on page 11)

(continued from page 10) shul, through Sons of Tikvah and the Makelah, and now with Kol Tikvah. There are many new ideas on the horizon - visions of great things to come - that will happen only through your support and participation. So come on out and don't be shy . . . let your talents and voices be heard.

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H'ag Sameach! Marty A. Angstreich Music Director

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The site lists a variety of artists, craftsmen and businesses who are eager to market their "Blue and White" products and services internationally. They have all agreed to donate a percentage of each sale to a non-profit organization.

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We are asking for your help to get the word out about our unique website. Please forward this message to others and inform your local shuls, schools, and Jewish organizations.

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#### FIFTY PLUS GROUP LAUGHS IT UP

The Fifty Plus group will meet on Tuesday, January 28,2003 at 1 pm the Social Hall of the Synagogue. Entertainment by the "Franklin Hi-Steppers," the popular group of senior dancers. Refreshments will be served. All seniors are invited. THINK SPRING as we make plans for our trip to Kutshers, April 7-11,2003! Complete package, all rooms in the Main House and round trip bus transportation from B'nai Tikvah to the hotel is included. All congregation members and their friends are invited. For details and reservations please call Annette at 732-297-3562 or Madeline at 732-297-4240.

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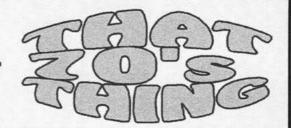
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December 12, 2002

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Sincerely,

School Social Worker

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Since the change was effective immediately, those who had purchases pending at that time were required to increase their investment to the new amount or cancel their purchase. My apologies if anyone was caught in this situation and for the delay in communication.

If you have any questions, contact BT'S congregational chair, Larry Cohen at Larry.Cohen@bnaitikvah.org or the Israel Bond Office (732-828-0200).

#### INTERFAITH DIALOGUE GROUPS MEET

As a result of the 9/11 commemoration held at The Islamic Society of Central Jersey, people of different faiths have been meeting monthly to share information and discuss aspects of their respective religions. Topics include holiday celebrations, life cycle events, and each tradition's understanding about Abraham. Each month the group will meet at a different house of worship and have an opportunity to learn a little bit about that congregation.

The first session was held in the South Brunswick Senior Center in November. In December, the group met at Congregation B'nai Tikvah. The next meeting is on January 12, 2003 at The Islamic Society of Central Jersey. On February 9, the group will meet at the Six Mile Run Reformed Church. Meetings begin at 7pm.

If you are interested in joining this fascinating discussion, please call Six Mile Run Reformed Church at 732-297-3734.

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Sunday, Jan. 12: Joint program with Sisterhood. Details in this month's Sisterhood column.

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Sunday, February 9 at 10AM: Save the date for our next Sisterhood meeting. Become an active participant!!

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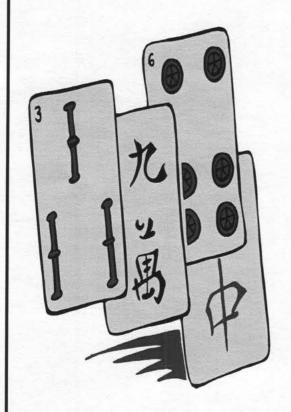
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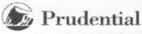
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5 2 Sh'vat  Blood Drive Kindergarten PACT	6 3 Sh'vat  Evening of Learning  @EBJC  Board of Directors	7 4 Sh'vat	8 5 Sh'vat  Kabbalah Course Begins Rabbi's Adult Ed Class	9 6 Sh'vat USY Program TBA	10 7 Sh'vat	Raise Our Voices For Israel  USY Shabbat Service Bowling League
12 9 Sh'vat Interfaith Dialog Group Joint Sisterhood / Men's Club Meeting	13 10 Sh'vat Sisterhood Board	14 11 Sh'vat  50+ Board Meeting New Beginnings Cantor's Adult Ed Class	15 12 Sh'vat  Kabbalah Course Rabbi's Adult Ed Class	16 13 Sh'vat	17 14 Sh'vat Family Shabbat Service	18 15 Sh'vat  Tu B'Shevat Seder TU B'SHEVAT
16 Sh'vat  Kadima Day Shabbat Shira  No Religious School	20 17 Sh'vat  Office & Schools Closed  MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	21 18 Sh'vat  School Board Cantor's Adult Ed Class	22 19 Sh'vat  Kabbalah Course Rabbi's Adult Ed Class	23 20 Sh'vat  USY "Rafi's Night"	24 21 Sh'vat	25 22 Sh'vat Bar Mitzvah Michael Zankel "That 70's Thing"
26 23 Sh'vat  Kadima Mall Scavenger Hunt  USY NYC Trip  Chai School Program	27 24 Sh'vat  Executive Committee	25 Sh'vat  50+ Club General Meeting  Cantor's Adult Ed Class	29 26 Sh'vat  Kabbalah Course Rabbi's Adult Ed Class	30 27 Sh'vat	31 <sup>28 Sh'vat</sup>	FEBRUARY S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28