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COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE
WORLD.

HAKOL

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FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

2/1 & 15

Tot Shabbat

2/2

**Food Drive
(thru 2/28)**

2/12

**Bible People
Series Begins**

RABBI ELIGBERG LEADS

The Art of Public Prayer

Dear Friends,

For the past several issues of Hakol, I have focused on the importance of communal prayers and the need to strengthen our daily minyan. This month I would like to continue that discussion by focusing on several ideas raised by Rabbi Lawrence Hoffman in his book "The Art of Public Prayer - Not for Clergy Only."

"Our days are filled with rituals, one following on the heels of another, as we carve up time and compartmentalize it around events that involve us...Ritual is how we play out pre arranged scripts of behavior to shape specific durations of time... Without ritual there would be no meaningful use of time...Rituals require ritualizing groups."

Hoffman raises our awareness of the abundance and importance that rituals play in our daily lives, how they help us arrange our lives into important building blocks of existence. For these rituals to be effective they must be both routine and familiar. This is true whether the script of the ritual is brand new or inherited from our past. It is the incorporation of these ritual moments that help us move from activity to activity with a greater sense that what we do in our lives matters and allows us to experience the emotional importance of the moment.

The daily ritual of worship helps us focus on the accomplishments of the day ending or focus on the wondrous potential for the day that lies ahead. By coming together as a group for public prayer we not only have this personal experience but we are transformed from individuals into a community; a community of worshippers that allows us to connect to the shared values and experience that we all hold in common.

"Ritual is not the result of faith, but one of its courses - that is why we need good rituals. Ritual's power lies in its artistic capacity to present an alternative world where time and space unfold in structured ways that indicate pattern, plan, and purpose. Faith derives from trusting that the universe in which we live is meaningful and ordered, as opposed to being random, chaotic, and accidental."

The very fabric and structure of the daily liturgy are designed to convey this powerful message. Beginning with God, the Creator and enduring force for order in the cosmos the liturgy moves from the transcendent God of the universe; to God as Liberator, reflecting the national experience of the Jewish people in history; to God of Revelation, the One who reveals the essence of the Divine Presence; to the God of Sinai, who gives us the gift of Torah as a blueprint for a society that reaches out to the Holy One; and finally to the God who is near to the heart of every person who approaches the Divine Presence - whether one approaches with joyous celebration; whether one comes limping into the presence of the holy one in need of healing; whether one comes burdened by daily travails; or whether one approaches with uncertainty and skepticism. The liturgy is meant to be a series of stepping stones leading to the abode of God.

"Each worship service is a rereading of a sacred script and the establishment of a sacred reality, a world that did not exist until we willed it to, one that we establish anew with every sacred performance. Part of the script rehearses history as we choose to see it, the people of the past as we care to recollect them, and a selective perception of the events that made us what we are."

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The experience of worship and the liturgy of the service ground us in our common past, root us in our shared history and give context to each of our lives. But it is not by looking backward that the worship experience has its most significant impact but rather it is by its exhortation that we take this awareness with us as we think about ourselves and our lives. "Similarly, we recite creeds that inspire us and commands that exhort us, until in the end; the fullness of the liturgical vision becomes so plain that it cannot be denied. We are committed to this sacred way of perceiving reality, and we leave worship with a sense that the world is shaped differently than it was when we entered. Saying it has indeed made it so."

Let us join together in finding this sacred path into the Divine Presence so that there is no longer exists a dichotomy between the real self and the worshipping self, between our reality and the world envisioned in our prayers.

*With blessings,
Rabbi David M. Eligberg*

1. *Rabbi Hoffman is a past present of the multifield North American Academy of Liturgy and Professor of Liturgy at Hebrew Union College.*
2. *Pages 17, 20,25*
3. *Page 117*

B'NAI TIKVAH ADULT EDUCATION

Rabbis Teach Text and Midrash at Congregation B'nai Tikvah

Join us for minyan at 7:30pm
followed by coffee and cake.

Class begins at 8pm.

No prior knowledge necessary.

Everyone is welcome to attend any or all
of these FREE programs.
No reservations required.

CLASSES WILL MEET ON THE FOLLOWING
WEDNESDAYS:

FEBRUARY 12:

**Serach bat Asher — Immortal Singer of
Comfort**

Rabbi Stephanie Dickstein, NY Jewish Healing
Center/JBFC

FEBRUARY 19:

**Miriam — From the Shores of the Nile to the
Wellsprings of the Desert**

Rabbi Diane Cohen, Temple Ohev Shalom,
Colonia

FEBRUARY 26:

To be announced

Rabbi David Eligberg, Congregation B'nai Tikvah

MARCH 5:

Joseph — From Dreamer to Leader

Rabbi David Wise, Congregation Beth El,
Somerset

MARCH 12:

Elijah — Man of Fire or Prophet of Peace?

Rabbi Jonathan Lubliner, Congregation Beth Ohr,
Old Bridge

MARCH 19:

**Shifra and Puah — "Rebellion Against
Tyranny is Obedience to God"**

Rabbi Eric Wisnia, Congregation Beth Chaim,
Princeton Junction

MARCH 26:

Joshua — Leading the Conquest

Rabbi Jay M. Kornsgold, Beth-El Synagogue,
East Windsor

Kabbalah Course

Rabbis Teach
Text and Midrash at
Congregation
B'nai Tikvah

LAST CLASS WED., FEB. 5

Join us for minyan at 7:30pm

Class follows at 8pm

No prior knowledge necessary

Everyone is welcome to attend

FREE program

Synagogue membership NOT required

Dr. Azzan Yadin recently joined the
Department of Jewish Studies at Rutgers as
Assistant Professor of Rabbinic Literature and
holds a Ph.D. from UC, Berkeley. His writing
focuses mainly on Biblical interpretation and
Kabbalah.

Kabbalah - Key to Philosophical Mysteries of Antiquity

Now you, too, can delve into the same mysteries that in-
trigued some of the greatest minds of western civilization
- Moses, Plato, Pythagoras, Aristotle, Freud, Newton,
Jung, and more. Kabbalah is considered the oldest and
most concealed body of spiritual wisdom still studied
today. Begin your journey into the mystery of Kabbalah
by attending this 4-session Adult Education course of-
fered by Dr. Azzan Yadin at Congregation B'nai Tikvah.

What is Kabbalah? Kabbalah predates religion or theo-
logy. It is based on a set of powerful universal principals
by which we can improve our lives and achieve personal
fulfillment. Kabbalah is more than a philosophical system
- it provides the tools needed to be happy, to attain peace
and joy, and to bring the Light of the Creator into your
life.

OUR HAZZAN'S VOICE

The Sons of Tikvah Concert Wrap-Up/Israel Education Month

The Sons of Tikvah Band has just concluded its winter concert series and we look forward to bringing you more of our music soon. The hard work and time spent by the entire group was monumental. Thank you to Marty Angstreich, our musical director, Jerry Shulman, Jerry Silver, Hank Koenig, Joe Plotnick, Norm Politziner, Gary Tinkel, Larry Cohen, Neal Gittleman, Andy Eisner and Brad Cohen.

We began with the community Thanksgiving Interfaith service. We followed up with our incredibly fun Hanukkah Party, which was also the debut of Kol Tikvah, our youth chorus. On January 11th we represented B'nai Tikvah at "Raise our Voices for Israel" (ROV) at Temple Emanuel in Edison.

The more than 500 people who participated in "ROV" donated \$18 and up to raise funds for the security of school children in Eretz Yisrael. The evening was an incredible success; over \$35,000 was raised to aid in the security of our beloved homeland. More than raising funds, the evening was successful because it gallivanted our community in brotherhood and resolve. The uplifting program truly raised our consciences and most importantly our spirits. The inspirational evening helped renew our hope and passion for Israel.

On Sunday evening January 19, The Sons of Tikvah Band led our congregation in our 2nd annual Sing-a-long. The band and the audience had a great time! Once again the children of Kol Tikvah were a joy to hear. Their angelic voices made everyone's heart and soul smile.

The music we play at all of appearance has a message. We sing about our love of God, our passion for Israel and our pride as Jewish people. When we combine the messages of our prayers and psalms with music, we are attempting to reach the congregation intellectually and emotionally. We try to move you spiritually toward holy action.

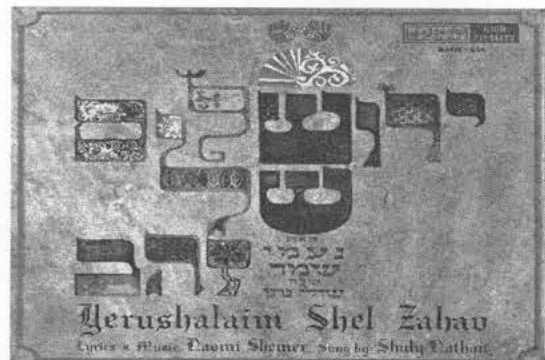
With this in mind, January 19-February is Israel Education Month. There is a wonderful site on line presented by The United Jewish Communities (The Federation) You can find it easily through our web site our a simple search of "Israel Education Month". The goals listed by the sight are:

- To renew our conceptual and educational approach to "teaching" and engaging with Israel, as well as search for possible alternatives;
- To stream new excitement into the engagement with Israel beyond the current situation;
- To focus the awareness of educators from all educational settings (formal, informal and families) on the importance of creating opportunities to experience meaningful engagements with Israel;
- To encourage educators to reassess Israel's place and role in their settings (both ideologically and methodologically), and empower them in the process of "hard-wiring" Israel into the educational agenda;
- To enable and motivate educators, as they strive to

- To support and facilitate the process involved in creating meaningful engagements with Israel.

These are a just some ideas of what we can do. The following are words that you can sing. I hope they inspire you.

JERUSALEM OF GOLD by Naomi Shemer



*As clear as wine, the wind is flying
Among the dreamy pines
As evening light is slowly dying
And a lonely bell still chimes,
So many songs, so many stories
The stony hills recall...
Around her heart my city carries
A lonely ancient wall.*

Chorus

*Yerushalaim all of gold
Yerushalaim, bronze and light
Within my heart I shall treasure
Your song and sight. [2x]*

*Alas, the dry wells and fountains,
Forgotten market-day
The sound of horn from Temple's mountain
No longer calls to pray,
The rocky caves at night are haunted
By sounds of long ago
When we were going to the Jordan
By way of Jericho.*

Chorus

Yerushalaim all of gold...

(continued on page 5)

OUR HAZZAN'S VOICE (continued from page 4)

*But when I come to count your praises
And sing Hallel to you
With pretty rhymes I dare not crown you
As other poets do,*

*Upon my lips
is always burning Your name, so dear, so old:
If I forget Yerushalaim
Of bronze and light and gold...*

Chorus

Yerushalaim all of gold...

*Back to the wells and to the fountains
Within the ancient walls
The sound of horn from Temple's mountain
Again so loudly calls,
From rocky caves, this very morning
A thousand suns will glow
As we shall go down to the Jordan
By way of Jericho.*

Chorus

Yerushalaim all of gold ...

"Worship the Lord in gladness; come before God with joyous song...For Adonai is good and his love is eternal and Adonai's faithfulness endures for all generations". Psalm 100

*B'simcha, with Joy!
Cantor Bruce Rockman*

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
Wednesday			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**

SUBMISSION DEAD- LINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF HAKOL IS February 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, bmps, or tiff files.

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.

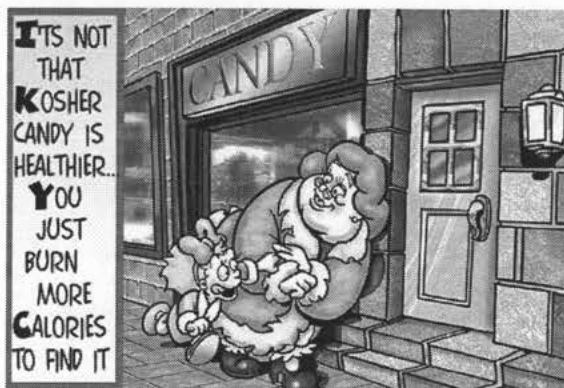
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS Ann Kanarek, Director

A Family Discussion Topic: *Lashon Hara*—Hurtful Speech

OUR CHILDREN'S WORDS

Lashon hara is so pervasive, and so potentially (and oftentimes) hurtful, that Jewish tradition, suggests it was the cause of God's permitting the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple in 70 CE...which underscores why Judaism continues to zealously urge our curbing hurtful speech. Children rely upon us to guide them along their paths to worthwhile lives. Helping them to understand the power of words is a critical responsibility of ours. Any opportunity we have to review words chosen by our kids should not be missed. How did Sara speak to her best friend about another girl she dislikes? How did Shmuel recount to you another child's misbehavior in class? How did Batya address her brother in a moment of anger? Each of us, teachers and parents, should try to help our kids grow in their awareness of the power of words, and their sense of responsibility for how they use them.

Barton's 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 or email us at school@bnaitikvah.org. 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. 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. 2/9	Dalet Class, Rabbi's Program: Belonging, 9:00 am—12:05 pm Gimel Class: <i>Mitzvah of Chesed Shel Emet</i> , program with guest speaker & funeral director Marty Kasdan
Sun. 2/16, Mon. 2/17	NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL President's Weekend
Sun. 2/23	Bet Class PACT Program: God Talk, 10:00 AM Posters are due
Sun. 3/2	Gimel Class PACT Program: Tzedakah, 9:00 am—11:00 am

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.

TOT SHABBAT SATURDAY SHABBAT SERVICES

3—5 Year Olds: February 1, March 1

5 -7 Year Olds February 15, March 15

10 am—11 am Babysitting

11 am—12 pm Tot Shabbat

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Fran Pearlson, Director

February is filled with fabulous and fun-filled programs. Our children will be actively exploring, creating, discovering and most importantly learning. Here's our February menu:

REGISTRATION IS UNDERWAY FOR THE 2003—2004 SCHOOL YEAR.

Temple members will receive priority registration and tuition discounts. Our programs offer our students a wide variety of afternoon options allowing parents to plan the perfect program for their children.

MOMMY AND ME PROGRAMS

- Limited openings remain in our Mommy & Me and Toddler Fun Club programs. If interested please call or come to the nursery school office for a registration brochure.

HAVDALLAH PAJAMA PARTY

Nursery School students and parents are invited to attend a Havdallah pajama party on Saturday, February 1st at 6:30PM. Andi Joseph the popular singer will entertain the children with her songs and music.

MAD SCIENCE; DINOSAUR DIG PROGRAM

Our three-year-old students will have the opportunity to become paleontologists when they learn all about dinosaurs on Monday, February 3rd. This program will discuss where the dinosaurs lived, what they ate and much more. They will even participate in a dig for the fossil remains of a mystery dinosaur!



MAD SCIENCE SLIME: PLAYING WITH POLYMERS PROGRAM

- Pre-k students will surely not be wearing their party clothes when our slime: Playing with Polymers program takes place on Tuesday, February 4th. Our children will explore, create and play with the most entertaining and useful molecule known to science and discover its many shapes and forms.



THE HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOUNDATION PROGRAM

On Monday, February 10th the Happy Birthday Foundation will present their program to our children. This foundation brings happiness to children in homeless shelters on their birthdays. They make parties and provide gifts. The nursery school is presently collecting new toys and party goods to donate. If you would like to participate please bring all new toys and party goods to the nursery school office.

HEALTHY FOOD WEEK PROGRAM

Petals the entertainer is coming! On Monday, February 24th she will arrive with her puppets and entertain the children with her healthy foods magic show. After the show, our children will have a "snap cracklin'" healthy and nutritious breakfast. They will be able to select the cereal of their choice and a fruit topping.



SCHOOL PICTURE DAY FOR OUR LITTLE ONES

Our two and a half year olds and our Toddler Fun Club students are practicing their smiles for picture day on Thursday, February 27th. Family portraits can also be taken. Please call the nursery school office to schedule an appointment for family portraits.

We are very happy to announce that both nursery families and temple members can now elect to make contributions to the newly created *Nursery School Fund*.

NURSERY SCHOOL CALENDAR

Sat. 2/1	Havdallah Pajama Party
Mon. 2/3	Mad Science: Dinosaur Dig Program
Tues. 2/4	Mad Science: Playing With Polymers
Mon. 2/17	SCHOOL CLOSED— PRESIDENT'S DAY
Mon. 2/19	Happy Birthday Foundation Program
Mon. 2/24	Healthy Food Week Program
Thurs. 2/27	Picture Day for 2-1/2 Year Olds and Toddler Fun Club

TO ALL



PARTICIPANTS AND DONORS

We all can somehow relate to the 70's era: Whether you wore braces or platform shoes, listened to the Bee Gee's "How Deep Is Your Love," or Don McLean's "American Pie," or watched Arnold Horshack or Reuben Kincaid – we all lived and loved the 70's.

As a committee, we strived to have everyone's best memories come alive for this event. "That 70's Thing" was the culmination of five months of planning and coordination by a dynamic team. The evening's success is a testament to the entire committee all of whom deserve not only our recognition, but the congregations' gratitude for their efforts....

Andy Ross - accounting and ad guru,
Jodi Marcou - auction coordinator and idea queen,
Cindy Gittleman - creative director – her enthusiasm evidenced on the invitations, signage, and décor,
Dan Greenberg – master printer,
Michelle Sherman - publicity director and game aficionado,
Jeff Cadoff – operations chief,
Tom & Hope Peters - (their ideas actually inspired "That 70's Thing") - ticket coordinators/theme specialists, and
Gary Bergman - journal/ad designer (good thing he didn't invoice us for his time on this project!).

In addition to being a groovy social event, the evening was also a premier fundraiser for CBT. The ad journal raised significant funds, and we are grateful for our advertiser's support. The journal's success is largely attributable to **Mark Sherman**, VP Ways & Means. While most doubted we could pull together a 32 page journal in four short months, Mark made believers of everyone. His networking and kibitzing skills are to be commended for soliciting many of the ads found in this journal.

Raising money is a critical component of every organization and, fortunately, our collective drive and spirit has culminated in another successful fundraiser. So, at some point in the upcoming weeks, make an effort to patronize our journal advertisers. If you recognize a silent auction donor or a 70's committee person, be sure to thank them for their efforts – they all enabled CBT to raise needed funds, as well as provide many congregants the opportunity to have a blast at "That 70's Thing!"

*Gary Warner
 Chairman, That 70's Thing*

THANK YOU TO OUR
AUCTION DONORS

We gratefully acknowledge all the following people and businesses for their most generous contributions of goods and services to the Silent Auction. It is their generosity which enabled "That 70's Thing" to not only become a successful fundraiser, but provide auction participants fun, memorable, and great valued goods and services.

Mindy & Marty Angstreich, Autographed Tiki Barber jersey;
Arie Behar, 2 "Knicks" tickets;
Gary Bergman, Web Site Design;
Bloom's of New Brunswick, Electronic Chess Set;
Dr. Penelope Cohen, Skin care products;
Dr. Neal Gittleman, 2 dental teeth whitenings;
Steve Gorelick, Tickets to visit a TV production;
Dr. Stephen Gordon, Lasik Surgery;
Mark Kasdin, 2 "Nets" tickets plus parking;
Fern Korn, Autographed hockey puck;
Lake-Vu Day Camp, \$250 Day Camp gift certificate;
David & Allison Nagelberg, Weekend in the Poconos;
New Jersey 101.5, Tickets to 42nd Street;
New Jersey Eye Laser Centers, Facility for Lasik Surgery;
Rovers International Soccer Camp, Full week of soccer camp;
Eliot Runyon, Original, autographed photo of Mayor Guilianni & Joe Torre;
See-More TV & Appliance, 19" Color TV;
Cliff Smith, Framed baseball picture;
John Wolf, 2 "Knicks" tickets.

PLEASE FORGIVE US . . .

Our sincerest apologies to **Eliot Runyon** for incorrectly crediting his donation for the silent auction to Gary Warner. Eliot has donated to our auction for the past three years and we are deeply appreciative. By the time this issue is published some lucky winner will own a 16x20 framed and autographed picture of Mayor Guilianni and Joe Torre! Our thanks to Eliot for putting in so much effort to get such a great item.

That 70's Thing Committee

Come one, Come All to CBT's First Annual **SWAP MEET**

Sun., March 2, 2003. 12-2:00 p.m. Kiddush Room



Trade your cool stuff. Start a collection. Opportunities are endless: trading cards, cds, books, toys, crafts... No cash needed.

For kids of all ages. (Parents must attend for kids age 7 and under)
Parents can trade if registered. Congregants and non-congregants welcome.

**\$5 fee paid at the door for all attendees (including parents)
covers entrance fee and pizza lunch.**

Reserve your space now. Pre-registration mandatory.
ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 21

It's easy to register:

- Register at <http://bnaitikvah.org/swap.html>
- Fax registration information to Cyndi Kleinbart at 732-297-2390
- Obtain and complete registration form; leave in synagogue office for Cyndi Kleinbart
- Contact Cyndi Kleinbart with registration information at Cyndi.Kleinbart@bnaitikvah.org

Name _____ Age _____

Telephone Number _____ Email address _____

Address _____

Items registered to be traded/to be sought will be listed at www.bnaitikvah.org.

Items to Trade

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Items Sought (not required to be completed)

_____	_____
_____	_____



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
to help with registration,
set up/clean up, act as
"Trader Joes" (mediate the
trades between the parties)

Contact Cyndi Kleinbart at:
Cyndi.Kleinbart@bnaitikvah.org

B'NAI TIKVAH YOUTH

KADIMA FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Mon. 2/24 **PB&J-athon, 6:15-7:30**
Sandwiches will be donated to Elijah's
Promise Soup Kitchen

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

USY

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Last month, on Super Bowl Sunday, USY went to New York City to go see the Broadway play RENT. Although it may not seem as very "Jewish", this play has themes that can extend to everyone, especially those of us in our youth. USY, as teenagers could relate to the characters as they were all diverse and struggling to find their place. Each found friendship and love as the overriding need in their lives, as they conquered drugs and disease. Each USYer took these lessons to heart as we watched this not so "Jewish" play.

Elyse Ross



USY Basketball

Feb 2 @ Rumson

Feb 9 @ Manalapan

Feb 23 @ Livingston

Registration has begun for the

2003 USY SUMMER PROGRAMS

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

Also offered are Eastern Europe/Israel
Pilgrimage, Spain/Israel Pilgrimage, and
Israel Pilgrimage/Poland Seminar programs,
as well as the USY on Wheels Mission:
Mitzvah program.

For more information call 212-533-7800,
ext. 2311, or visit www.usy.org.

USY FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- Feb 8** **Teen Shabbat** (please invite any teens and contact Rafi Glazer if interested in reading Torah, haftarah, or leading at 732/398-0112)
- Feb 13** **Movie and Blankets**
- Feb 21-22** **Rutgers Hillel Shabbaton**
- Feb 22 or 23** **The Stress Factory**

**Have you ever been to a regional
USY event?**

**Did you know that there is money
available to help you go?**

**As an incentive for first timers, you can now
get \$36 towards your first
regional convention.**

**Let Spring be your first,
and see what makes everyone love USY!**

Contact Steve for details (732-951-1272)

B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

JUNIOR CONGREGATION FAMILY SERVICE

Junior Congregation Family Service: Over 100 kids had fun at the annual Junior Congregation Pizza Party on January 26. The kids watched a classic comedy, The Bad News Bears and ate Pizza and Ice Cream. A fun time was had by all. We're looking forward to our first ever Junior Congregation Ice Skating Party for those kids that made the second level party incentives. We welcome all adults to join us from 10:30 a.m.—12:15 p.m. each Saturday as our kids lead us in prayer.

CHANGES TO BT UNITED TRUST CARD

For those of you who used to have the United Trust B'nai Tikvah card, which was replaced by a new company at the beginning of this month - The new card doesn't give B'nai Tikvah any percentage of your spending anymore. Feel free to call Hadas in the synagogue office with any questions.

DO YOU COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR SPOUSE?

There are 215 families receiving e-mail announcements from the synagogue. However, it recently came to my attention that some subscribers have no idea what's going on.

"Oh, those! They go to my spouse's account. They're deleted before I see them."

Just send me your e-mail address and I'll be happy to add (or replace) your subscriptions.

Gary Bergman

Webmaster@BnaiTikvah.org

A man who says marriage is a 50-50 proposition doesn't understand two things:

1 - Women, 2 - Fractions.

CEMETERY UPDATE

Congregation B'nai Tikvah maintains cemetery privileges at no cost for members in good standing and their immediate families in the Washington Cemetery, 104 Deans Rhode Hall Road, just off Route 130 northbound. However, certain regulations and requirements must be met in order to take advantage of these privileges.

B'nai Tikvah's requirements:

- The deceased must be Jewish by birth or by conversion in accordance with the Halachic standards of the Conservative movement. The Rabbi is the final arbiter of those standards.
- Contiguous graves may be reserved by immediate family members at a cost of \$50 per site.
- Congregants may transfer ownership of a grave to a family member (if the grave is reserved for \$50 or if purchased for \$500), but the grave cannot be sold on the open market.
- Congregants may not transfer their entitlement to a grave as a congregant in good standing to anyone else.

Washington Cemetery requirements:

- "No material other than Barre granite shall be used for monuments footstones, bases, etc. except by written approval of the [Washington Cemetery's] Board of Trustees."
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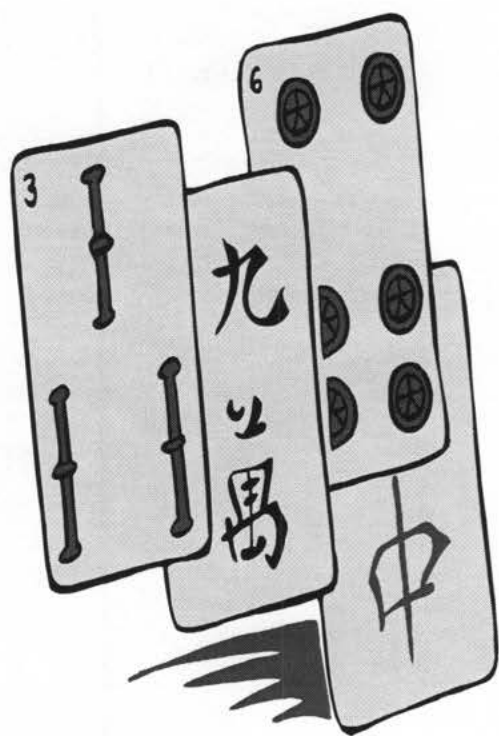
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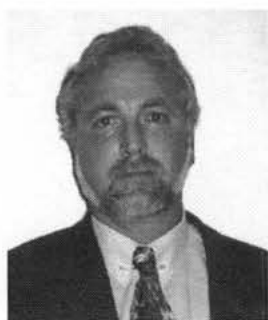
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ATTENTION MEN'S CLUB MEMBERS... HOLD THE DATE

On Thursday, March 6, 2003 (note the change of date), the Men's Club of Congregation Bnai Tikvah will hold their monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. We are pleased to announce that our guest speaker will be:



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Mr. Mushnick is a free thinker and for sure we can expect to hear his personal opinions about anything in the sports world. His columns are always written to protect "the fan" in the business end of the sports world. We anticipate his talk to cover many topics from baseball, football, basketball to the business end of sports.

Please feel free to invite your family members and friends, if they are sports fans. It will certainly be an evening that you will remember.

Further details about the event will appear in next month's HAKOL and on the Bnai Tikvah web site as they are confirmed.

Steve Katz, President

MAKELAH

The Makelah is looking for a choral director with formal musical skills and a familiarity with Jewish liturgical and holiday music.

Contact Cheryl Asnis at 732-297-5379

SISTERHOOD

Sunday, February 9 at 10AM: Come join us for breakfast and fun. Nurit Brown and Hadas Elami will speak on "Growing Up in Israel." Nurit and Hadas will share their memories and family traditions with us so that we may learn how cuisine and memories differ yet remain similar throughout the world. Most of us remember holidays at Bubbe and Zaida's house with foods that ran the gamut from borscht to kugel to chooped liver. To share our memories we are asking each person who attends (not just Nurit and Hadas) to bring along a favorite recipe that represents her family's tradition. These recipes will be collected, copied and shared with everyone who attended. The morning will be capped off with Nurit leading us in Israeli dancing. Bring your appetite and your dance shoes!! (Also bring pasta and sauce for the Social Action Committee.)

Sunday, March 2: Calling All Mah Jongg Players!!! If you would like to sponsor a table at the Mah Jongg tournament contact Joyce Gerbman at 732-937-5114 or e-mail her at gerbsfam@AOL.com. Sponsors' names and business cards will be displayed on all tables. The cost of a sponsorship is \$50. Support your Sisterhood.

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The Fifty Plus group will meet on Tuesday, February 25, at 1p.m. in the social hall of the Synagogue. Back by popular demand, Steve Franzman will entertain with a "History of Jewish Comedy". Refreshments will be served. All are invited.

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The Social Action Committee would like to thank all those who participated in the Sponsoring a Needy Family Program. A very special thanks goes to those who volunteered to be Family Coordinators. Because of your great efforts, time and goodwill, twelve families had a happy holiday and began the New Year with many of the basic resources most of us take for granted. The families were overwhelmed with your generosity.

A fire destroyed the home and belongings of a North Brunswick family of 6 whose father has been unemployed. Our Social Action Committee is accepting donations of money (checks payable to Congregation B'nai Tikvah--North Brunswick Fire Victims), and/or new or slightly worn twin-sized sheets, blankets, and towels. Please bring items to the synagogue office.
Questions, call 732-940-0268.

It's Time to Help Restock the Food Pantry Shelves

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thru Friday, February 28th

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*Please check the expiration dates on all items. *Starred items are most needed.*

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There is NO need at this time for pasta, canned soups or canned vegetables.
Please leave all donations in the "Food Drive" bin outside the synagogue office. Remember - The food is being brought into B'nai Tikvah.
Please, no foods with meat products. Kosher products only.

Questions? Please contact:

Jennifer Shapiro (732) 940-9229

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REFLECTION ON "RAISE OUR VOICES FOR ISRAEL"

Squeezing into the crowded lobby of Temple Emanu-El in Edison for the sold out "Raise Our Voices For Israel" concert on January 11, I was immediately met by a sense of anticipation and excitement. The lobby was packed with musicians entering, choirs rehearsing, and community members trying to reach the seating area.

It seemed as if everyone I knew was there: the people I work with; the people I pray with; the people I folkdance with; the woman who sewed the costumes for last year's Purim *spiel* (satirical play) at the Highland Park Conservative Temple; and even the neighbor from down the street I had first met when he was walking his dog. It was truly a community effort. Synagogues from all over Middlesex County had joined together for a musical fundraiser for the protection of Israel's children. The "standing room only" conditions brought new meaning to the term "close-knit" community.

The program consisted of a mixture of speakers and performers, and featured the Sons of Tikvah band, song leader Eric Komar, and an impromptu *horah* through the aisles led by B'nai Tikvah Administrator Hadas Elami. Organizing Committee Chair, Harry Bernstein, read inspiring letters from community leaders including Governor McGreevey. Barbara Spack, a national vice president of Hadassa spoke on ways to support Israel's image in the media. Israeli vendors presented displays of Judaica and secular merchandise for purchase. Choirs, klezmer musicians, and B'nai Tikvah's own Diane Uniman all poured their hearts out in song.

This was a crowd that was ready to sing. We sang out American songs of peace as fervently as we sang *Am Yisrael Chai* (The People of Israel Live). As the Sons of Tikvah led us in a rousing *Od Yavo Shalom Alenu* (Peace Will Come to Us Soon), I could almost feel the longing and sense of urgency in the audience.

While the performances were terrific, the emotion and spirit that pervaded the event went far beyond the music. Together Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform Jews waved Israeli flags and belted out *Bashanah Haba'ah* (In the Coming Year). I was struck by the uniqueness of this situation. How frequently in the past had 500 (let alone a mixture of Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform) Jews sat in the same room and agreed on anything?

But the imperative to protect Israel's children was something that we all could agree on. In fact, we agreed to the tune of approximately \$35,000. Every person in the room, according to Harry Bernstein had made a contribution. Even the performers (who all offered their talents for free) had purchased tickets.

Before intermission, Cantor Rockman reminded the audience to visit the Israeli vendors using the words: "Go forth and buy!" Now the crowd that had been caught up in song became a mob looking to buy their way to Israeli security. Strangers brushed shoulders as they tried to navigate the

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packed auditorium to peruse the merchandise. People who were previously strangers became chummy as they stood in lines, elbow to elbow, eager to hand their money to Israeli vendors.

After the merchandise had been bought, the choirs had sung, and the musicians had played we all went home with a little more hope in our pockets.

Miriam Libove-Goldfarb
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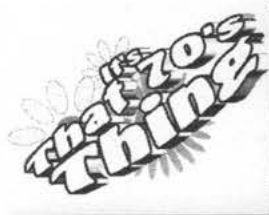
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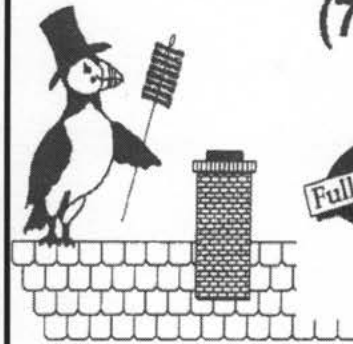
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<p>2 30 Sh'vat Chai School Program</p>	<p>3 1 Adar-1 Board of Directors</p>	<p>4 2 Adar-1 Cantor's Adult Ed Class</p>	<p>5 3 Adar-1 Rabbi's Adult Ed Class</p>	<p>6 4 Adar-1 Men's Club Program</p>	<p>7 5 Adar-1 Alef Naming Service & Dinner</p>	<p>8 6 Adar-1 USY Teen Shabbat Sisterhood Shabbat Bowling League</p>
<p>9 7 Adar-1 Sisterhood Breakfast Meeting</p>	<p>10 8 Adar-1 Sisterhood Board</p>	<p>11 9 Adar-1 50+ Board Meeting Book Club New Beginnings Cantor's Adult Ed Class</p>	<p>12 10 Adar-1 Rabbi's Adult Ed Class</p>	<p>13 11 Adar-1 USY Movie Night</p>	<p>14 12 Adar-1</p>	<p>15 13 Adar-1 Bar Mitzvah Brandon Cinich</p>
<p>16 14 Adar-1 No Religious School PURIM KATAN</p>	<p>17 15 Adar-1 Office & Schools Closed PRESIDENTS' DAY</p>	<p>18 16 Adar-1 School Board Meeting Cantor's Adult Ed Class</p>	<p>19 17 Adar-1 Rabbi's Adult Ed Class</p>	<p>20 18 Adar-1 Ritual Committee</p>	<p>21 19 Adar-1 USY Rutgers Hillel Shabbaton</p>	<p>22 20 Adar-1 USY Rutgers Hillel Shabbaton</p>
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