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COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE
WORLD.

HAKOL

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**MARCH
HIGHLIGHTS**

- 3/2 Passover Food Drive Begins
- 3/2 Mah Jongg Tournament
- 3/6 Men's Club:
Phil Mushnick
- 3/16 Purim Carnival
- 3/17 Megillah Reading



Monday, March 17

PURIM SHPIEL

Special appearance by
our very own
SONS OF TIKVAH BAND

Come in costume, bring
your noisemakers and "get
the whole megillah!"

6:00 pm - 6:30 pm Pizza
(rsvp to the synagogue office for
pizza dinner)

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Megillah Read-
ing, Hamentashen, Snacks

RABBI ELIGBERG LEADS

The Art of Public Prayer

For me, any discussion of prayer evokes the words of our teacher, Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, of blessed memory. Heschel in his writing is able to capture both the mystery and the difficulty of prayer. Heschel states that: "To pray is to regain a sense of the mystery that animates all beings, the divine margin in all attainments. Prayer is our humble answer to the inconceivable surprise of living. It is all we can offer in return for the mystery by which we live." (1) The quotes on prayer are primarily from *Quest for God: Studies in Prayers and Symbolism* by Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, chapters one and two.

For Heschel, the source of prayer stems from our sense of awe and wonder at reality. Achieving this in isolation is not always easy. Often, by placing ourselves in the proper setting for worship, by surrounding ourselves with others who are reaching out to the source of holiness in our midst, we can find ourselves moving along a path into the presence of God.

To pray then is rooted in our desire to be brought to God's attention; to be listened to and understood; to realize that we are a divine concern. Prayer offers the opportunity to reaffirm that beyond the maelstrom of reality, the Holy One cares about what happens in our lives; that God walks with us on our journey.

Let us reflect with Rabbi Heschel on what impact prayer can have in our lives and our community.

"Prayer clarifies our hopes and intentions."

"Prayer teaches us what to aspire to."

"Prayer is a way to master what is inferior in us, to discern between the signal and the trivial, between the futile and the significant"

"Prayer makes visible the right and reveals what is hampering and false."

"Prayer is an invitation to God to intervene in our lives..."

"To pray is to dream in league with God, to envision His holy visions."

"Worship is a way of seeing the world in the light of God."

"Prayer takes the mind out of the narrowness of self-interest, and enables us to see the world in the mirror of the holy."

"To pray means to bring God back into the world... To pray means to expand [God's] presence."

"Prayer is an answer to God: 'Here am I.'"

May this be our answer to the Holy One calling out to us and may we find ourselves, fellow travelers along the pathways of prayer.

*With blessings,
Rabbi David M. Eligberg*

BT 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.

FEBRUARY 12:

Serach bat Asher — Immortal Singer of Comfort

Rabbi Stephanie Dickstein, NY Jewish Healing Center/JBFCS

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 North Brunswick

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

Bible People

OUR HAZZAN'S VOICE

Chag Purim

It's Purim let's get excited! We at Congregation B'nai Tikvah take our holidays very seriously. We are always looking for a new and better way to make our celebrations enjoyable, meaningful and memorable. As in other years Purim will be celebrated with multiple activities for all ages. The annual carnival is always a blast. The nursery school will have a special costume parade. Our religious school will celebrate with live music supplied by my favorite musical group, *The Sons of Tikvah Band*. The band will also enhance the reading of megilla on Purim, playing classic Purim songs and other favorites, retelling the classic story of Esther and Mordechai. The festivities promise to bring joy to all boys and girls, women and men!



In addition to all this fun, the depth and significance of Purim is kept in perspective when we participate in the act of giving mishloah manot. Annually our sisterhood sponsors this gift-giving program with the gift baskets that they prepared and distributed.

Every person must send two portions to at least one person, as it is written: "And sending portions to one another", that is, two portions to one person. Praiseworthy is the person who sends portions to many people. However, it is better to send many presents to the poor than to eat big meals or send many portions to friends, because there is no greater joy before God than when we gladden the hearts of the poor, the orphans and the widows and make them happy.

Because of the wonderful memories that this holiday evokes, Purim is one of three holidays each year that are the happiest days of the year. Growing up these were 3 holidays that really mattered to me. *Simchat Torah, Hanukkah, and Purim*. The Hanukkah presents and latkes made this holiday special for kids. Simchat Torah was always a blast in shul. The rabbi and cantor would let their hair down; we all danced around the sanctuary with the Torahs, kids waving their home-made paper flags. All the kids were called up to the bima for our annual special aliyah. The jelly apples were so good. There was so much energy!

Purim, the holiday that we're about to celebrate was loads of fun too. We were encouraged to make lots of noise with our groggers as we listened for the villain Hamen's name during the reading of the Megilla, the book of Esther. And the Hamantoshen are so delicious!

Obviously all of these pleasurable holidays are more significant than special fried foods pastry and candy. Surely though, they are a good start. And obviously help us encourage our children to remember. The joy that we can recall from our youth helps to perpetuate our rich tradition.

Once again, we celebrate Purim with pride, recalling how our people overcame adversity and not only thrived but also prospered in the face of great danger. We learn how Esther and Mordechai took great risks to save the Jewish people in Persia. They are an example to us and we now celebrate their achievements with great joy but also we give thanks by fulfilling the mitzvah helping people less fortunate than ourselves.

By remembering this wonderful holiday, and keeping it at the forefront by joining in all the activities of Purim, we will create even more significant memories for our children and us.

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

*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	Shaharee	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

B'NAI MITZVAH

ANNOVA

PERIA

GARNIVAL



Sunday, March 16
12:00 - 3pm
Games and Fun
Refreshments and Food
Costume Contest

Early entry at 11:30 am for tots
 age 5 and under

Advance discounted tickets available
 \$10/40 tickets \$5/20 tickets

Price of tickets (at door)
 \$10/30 tickets \$5/15 tickets

Order early to get more for less. Send this form with a check made out to USY to: USY—Congregation B'nai Tikvah, 1001 Finnegan's Lane, North Brunswick, NJ 08902. *Tickets will be available for pickup at the Carnival door.*

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Sheet(s) of 40 tickets (\$10) x _____

Sheet(s) of 20 tickets (\$5) x _____

Total _____



Andrew Lewis
 January 4, 2003
 Son of
 Robin Lewis



Michael Zankel
 January 25, 2003
 Son of
 Mindy and Richard Zankel



Gregory Aaron
 February 1, 2003
 Son of
 Sheldon and Susan Aaron



Brandon Chinich
 February 15, 2003
 Son of
 Alan and Wendy Chinich



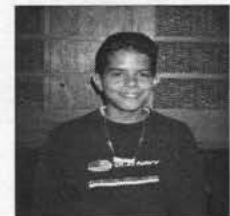
Myles Rudin
 March 1, 2003
 Son of
 Randy and Judy Rudin



Jordon Teicher
 March 8, 2003
 Son of
 David and Cindy Teicher



Danielle Nudelman
 March 15, 2003
 Daughter of
 Irwin and Maxine Nudelman



Benjamin Appelbaum
 March 22, 2003
 Son of
 Todd and Edita Appelbaum

EXPANSION UPDATE

From Mitch Frumkin, President

So what do you see when you look at the two pictures on this page? What I see is a few wooden stakes which represent the building corners of our upcoming expansion!

While the last 10% of the approval process is taking longer than the other 90%, we are finally beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Believe it or not, the easiest part of any project of this type is the construction which we anticipate will begin in May.

Just last week a meeting took place at the offices of the Department of Environmental Protection in Trenton to present the proposed location of the expansion relative to the previously approved wetlands line. Based upon this meeting, it appears that all questions have been answered and all we have to do is submit our formal application and wait for our permit from the DEP to begin building. That is the good news. The bad news is that, as with any governmental process, although the actual review may take a few hours, the process will take weeks. By the time you read this, the application should be submitted and the wait begins.

In addition to the finalization of our plans with the DEP, we are also busy meeting with banks and receiving proposal for the financing discussed at the Congregational Meeting this past December. We have also begun an in depth review of the bids submitted by the two low bidders and will be meeting with them in March in order to make our final decision. Our preliminary review of the bids indicate that there has been no real change in the pricing structure since the project was initially bid last year.

While I hate to be too optimistic, I think that a groundbreaking in the early spring will become a reality!!

As always, if there are any questions concerning this project, please feel free to contact either myself or Mark Kasdin, Chair of the Expansion Committee.



SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF HAKOL IS March 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

Purim Fun

Ann Kanarek, Director

Get your costume, grogger, and masks ready, and plan to join us for a wild Purim celebration at the synagogue on Sunday morning, March 16 beginning at 11:00 am. The celebration of Purim, one of the most joyous and fun-filled holidays of our Jewish year will start with a performance by the **Sons of Tikvah Band**. After the concert join us as we continue our fun at the synagogue-wide carnival and costume parade at 12 noon. On Monday, March 17, the Religious School will host a Purim Pizza Party at 6:00 pm. Following the party, at 6:30 pm, will be the reading of the Megillah.

The Megillah tells the story of the deliverance of the Jews of Persia from the destruction planned against them by Haman, vizier of King Ahasuerus. This feat was accomplished by the monarch's Jewish wife, Esther, and her cousin, Mordecai. There is no merrier occasion in the Jewish year than Purim. Tradition dictates that on Purim we must observe "Shalach Manot," the sending of gifts to friends and to the poor as a token of deliverance and to add to the joy of everyone at this festive time. Tradition also says that we should be so intoxicated with merriment at this season that we fail to distinguish between the cursing of Haman and the blessing of Mordecai.... ☺ *or between what is real and what is spoof.*

☺ THEFT OF PURIM REVEALED ☺

Two of the University of Dublin's most noted anthropologists, Dr. Patrick Fitzmorris and Dr. Morris Fitzpatrick, have announced the findings of a 20-year study: Purim is really an Irish festival. That's why it always takes place around St. Patrick's Day.

"A festival involving a McGillah has to be Irish," said Dr. Fitzmorris. "You can't convince me otherwise," Dr. Fitzpatrick added. "I have to conclude that the Jewish people have stolen the ancient Irish festival and renamed it Purim.

Originally known as O'Purim, the celebration was based on the life of an orphan colleen, Esther McGillicuddy, who happened to be a kosher caterer serving royalty. Esther's uncle, Morty McGillicuddy, wanted her to marry Shamus O'Haman, the Meyer of Clare.

The wedding was called off when O'Haman was jailed for watering his rum and selling it to the British Navy. But the tradition stuck and since watered rum is known as grog (no joke, folks), O'Haman became the first grogger.

The claim has created an uproar in the Jewish Community. Dr. Paul Burganschweros, president of the Conservative Congregation of Galway Bay, Our Lady of Perpetual Nachas, said, "We will get our holiday back." Patrick Moskowitz of the Tipperary Shul, a long way from Dublin, declined comment until he could discuss the matter further with his parliamentary representative, Lord Ian Draycup.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR

- SUN. 3/9:** Dalet Class Special Program:
Purim Puppet Making Workshop
- SUN. 3/16:** **PURIM CARNIVAL, 12:05 pm**
ALL K, 3, 4, 5 students will meet LATE SESSION, 10:40 am-12:05 pm. (There will be no early session classes for kindergarten, Alef, Bet 1 and Gimel 1 students--all classes will be coming in Late Session). Dalet and Hei students will have a regular session 9:00 am-12:05 pm. Students will enjoy a special concert featuring **Sons of Tikvah Band** at 11:00 am. Parents are welcome.
- MON. 3/17:** **PURIM PIZZA PARTY, 6:00 pm** and **Megillah Reading, 6:30 pm.**
- SUN. 3/23:** **DALET CLASS PACT: *The Bridges of Mitzvot County*, 10:00 am**
- FRI. 3/28:** **Gimel Class Shabbat Dinner and Service**
Dinner at 6:30 pm, service begin at 8 pm.
- FRI. 4/4:** **Bet Class Shabbat Dinner and Service**
- SAT. 4/5:** **Dalet Class Shabbat Service and Luncheon**
- SUN. 4/6:** **K/Alef Class: Special Passover Program**
Go Down Moses

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 NEWS

Fran Pearson, Director

What holiday involves a carnival, puppet show, parade, dress-up costumes, and allows all kinds of noise in the synagogue? Of course, the answer is Purim. Purim allows us to live it up and have fun, while celebrating the rescue of the Jewish people from the evil hands of Haman. It is a day of magic for everyone!



PURIM SHOW

Do you believe in magic? Eliot the super magic man will be performing magic when he transforms our children into Purim characters. Back for the second year in a row Eliot creates wearable crowns and swords made out of balloons. In addition, the children will enjoy his puppetry, music, and a special guest visit from bird and bunny.

PURIM CARNIVAL

A myriad of Purim activities are planned for our fifth annual Purim carnival. The children will have a blast as they bounce in Noah's Ark, pin the grogger on Haman, play basketball at the Shushan basketball arena, color a Purim coloring book, play golf at the Persian Golf Club, bowl, and so much more! In addition, each child will receive a winner's medal for participating in the carnival and a Purim treat bag filled with a grogger, Purim hat and some nosh.

PURIM CELEBRATIONS

In our classrooms, our children are learning the Purim story and that on Purim we traditionally send gifts of food to friends, family and to the needy. Our children will make shalach manot baskets filled with classmade hamantashen and candy. The highlight of the holiday will be when the children parade around the school in their costumes and enjoy making lots of noise with their groggers when they hear Haman's name mentioned. Special class parties are planned too!



NURSERY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Do the words, "Mommy, I'm bored" sound familiar? Well, relief is now at hand! Beat the winter blahs by enjoying a cup of gourmet coffee and a slice of yummy cheesecake as you and your child make some cookies with our delicious variety of frozen cookie dough. By using different cookie cutters you and your child can create some inspirational cookies! Our new fundraiser will be selling a variety of gourmet coffees, frozen cookie dough and cheesecake. With proceeds from our fundraisers the nursery school has purchased a new computer and computer station for our Pre-K II class. In addition, a new piece of playground equipment is in the works! Order forms are available in the nursery school office. However, for your convenience please call us at (732) 297-0295 and we will mail you an order form.

NURSERY SCHOOL CALENDAR

Monday, March 17 th	Purim Program - Eliot the Super Magic Man
Wednesday, March 19 th	Class parties and school-wide parade
Friday, March 21 st	Purim Carnival

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2003—2004 SCHOOL YEAR CONTINUES

Registration for next year is going well. Many families will be returning and we are happy that several new families will be joining us as well. Openings are still available so please continue to refer friends, family and neighbors.

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.

TOT SHABBAT
SATURDAY SHABBAT
3—5 Year Olds: March 1, April 12
5 -7 Year Olds March 15, April 26

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

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

B'NAI TIKVAH YOUTH



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March holds the wonderful holiday of Purim, and this year USY has an awesome surprise in planning for the megillah reading. Not only do we hope to make the megillah reading a little more interesting, the Purim carnival will once again be tons of fun. We have added a few more games and it will be fun for all.

I'd also like to mention that Rafi Glazer will be running for Religious/Education Vice President for the region and I hope everyone will wish him the best of luck for the elections. Not only is Rafi running, but Spring Convention looks to be an awesome convention as many people are trying out a regional event for the first time so we hope everyone will try to do the same. Spring Convention applications are due on February 28th to Steve Springer.

Elyse Ross
Communications VP

BT COMMUNITY

You are cordially invited to attend

The Hyatt Regency Princeton Bar/Bat Mitzvah Showcase of Vendors

Sunday, March 30, 2003

11:00 am—3:00 pm

**At the Hyatt Regency Princeton
102 Carnegie Center
Princeton, New Jersey 08540
Complimentary Admission**

**Should you have any questions
regarding the event please contact**

**Paula Bennett
Senior Catering Manager
Hyatt Regency Princeton
(609) 987-1817**

USY MARCH CALENDAR

March 2	USY Basketball @ Livingston
March 10	Semi-Formal in Paramus
March 13	Purim Carnival Prep
March 14-16	International Abraham Joshua Heschel Honors Society Convention in Teneck
March 16	Purim Carnival
March 30	SATO Day in Manalapan

**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)

Ramah Day Camp of Central New Jersey

Dynamic Jewish Programming	Kosher Lunch Provided
Electives for 2nd-5th Grade	Transportation Available
3 Pools On-Site	Before & After Care
5th Grade Travel Program	Mini Day Option for 3 and 4 year olds
Zimriah, Color War, Yom Yisrael, & More	2 Year Old Nursery Program

Call now for an information packet, including an application and video. Early Bird enrollment available.

Melissa Kohn Rosen, Director

(732) 238-0027 * Fax (732) 257-9630 * www.ramahdaycamp.org
511 Ryders Lane, East Brunswick, NJ 08816

The Ramah Day Camp of Central New Jersey is under the educational supervision of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and the National Ramah Commission.



The Summer that Lasts A Lifetime!

THE ISRAELIS ARE COMING! THE ISRAELIS ARE COMING AGAIN!

We have tentative dates for our next visit of a group of Ramla teens and chaperones of April 4 through April 26/27. We will firm up dates shortly and roll out the details, too. We have had an active Steering Committee setting up the program.

To become a BT host family you can fill out the host family information form in this issue of Hakol or print one out at:

<http://www.bnaitikvah.org/hostform.html>.

Send completed forms to the attention of Arie Behar, c/o the CBT office.

For more information, and to be put on the special Ramla-New Jersey Yahoo Group mailing list contact:

Marty Abschutz,

CBT's Sister City Liaison to Ramla

18 Pullman Loop, Dayton, New Jersey 08810-1550

732-329-0018

RAMLA - NEW JERSEY YOUTH MISSION—APRIL 2003 PROSPECTIVE HOST FAMILY INFORMATION FORM

Parents Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone: _____ Preferred Phone Chain # _____

E-mail Address (username@domain.xxx) _____

Child(ren)'s Names (Ages, Gender, and Phones):

Name	Age	Gender	Personal Phone #
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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Lifestyle:

Do you keep a Kosher home _____ If yes, are you strictly kosher outside the home? _____

Do you travel or work on Shabbat? _____ Walking distance from the synagogue. _____

Pets (describe): _____

Children's Hobbies & interests:

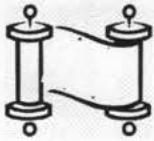
Language(s) spoken or understood _____

Dietary considerations (preferences, restrictions, allergies, vegan, vegetarian, etc.)

Pre-existing Commitment(s) & date(s), e.g., School, Sports, SAT prep, work:

B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

RITUALLY SPEAKING



Classes in lifting the Torah (Hagbah) will begin in March. No previous experience necessary. First class - Thursday March 13th - 7:30 PM -immediately following minyon. Second class will be Thursday

March 20th, immediately following 7:30 minyon.

For more information contact Elliott Danto at 732-297-6175 or e-mail iamell@comcast.net.

CHANGES TO BT SECURITY

Due to recent security concerns the security system will be on during Shabbat. If you are coming to attend services, and you find the door locked, please do not pull on it. Be patient, and the custodian will be there to assist you.

Will people be able to use their codes in the door on Shabbat? The answer is, that religiously we are not allowed to do it, and this is why we will have arranged for a custodian to be at the door to assist you.

MAKELAH

The Makelah has been organizing a reunion of its former members to join with the current singers to celebrate a very special anniversary celebration this April. The chorus will be rehearsing some of the Makelah's favorites with Marty Angstreich for the April 12, 2003 performance following Shabbat morning services.

All sopranos, altos, tenors and basses are welcomed to join the B'nai Tikvah Makelah.

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

FIFTY PLUS CLUB

The Fifty Plus group will meet on Tuesday, March 25, at 1 p.m. in the social hall of the Synagogue. Our speaker will be Ms. Margaret Chester, executive director of the Middlesex County Office on Aging. She will explain the new Middlesex County Senior and Disabled Citizens Savings Prescription Drug Plan. All are invited. Refreshments will be served.

BRUUUCE!




Custom cd's of our Shabbat services are available. (for learning purposes). Please contact Cantor Rockman to place your order. Price is FREE! Donations to cover cost are accepted.

WEBMASTER'S MESSAGE: MAKE BNAITIKVAH.ORG YOUR HOME PAGE

- Why:
- It loads fast (even with dial-up modem)
 - It takes you everywhere.

Our "Search" lets you find anything at B'nai Tikvah or the entire internet. (click the appropriate button, and hit GO).

- How:
- Go to our site (<http://bnaitikvah.org>)
 - Drag the small  (or explorer) symbol in the address box to the picture of the house on the icon bar.

How can we make our home page work better for you? Send your suggestions to Webmaster@BnaiTikvah.org

SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE AFFECTED BY 9/11 CONTINUES

Jewish Family & Vocational Service of Middlesex County (JFVS) continues to provide support for survivors of 9/11, family members, and displaced workers. Individual and family counseling is provided on an ongoing basis. The monthly support group meets the second Monday of every month at 8:00 pm. Both take place at the JFVS Center for Individual and Family Growth, 515 Plainfield Avenue, Edison. There is no charge for any of these services.

Contact Amy Kael at JFVS, 732-777-1940.

★ TSEDAKAH ★

Upon three things the world is based: the study of Torah, worship, and the actions of tsedakah.

SPECIAL TSEDAKAH MONEY COLLECTION IN MARCH!



B'nai Tikvah will be sending a special donation from Tzedakah box money to Israeli to support those in need of food and shelter as a result of continued terrorism.

Bring in your Tzedakah can coins during March and help make this donation a meaningful one! Other donations also accepted.

Social Action Committee

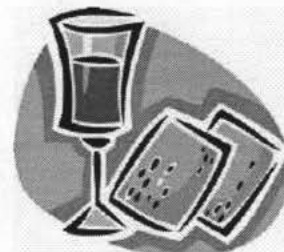
P.S. Pick up your official B'nai Tikvah Tzedakah can if you don't already have one!

B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

SOCIAL ACTION ... SOCIAL ACTION ... SOCIAL ACTION ... SOCIAL ACTION



PASSOVER FOOD DRIVE MARCH 2—APRIL 4



BRING YOUR DONATION TO THE SYNAGOGUE ANY DAY (EXCEPT SHABBAT)

Donations will be dropped off with JFS for sorting and distribution on Sunday, April 6.

Once again, we, as a community, will help Jewish Family Service with their Passover Holiday Food Basket program which enables needy Jewish families in our community to enjoy a traditional Passover. Collection containers will be located in the synagogue office and in the school wing to collect your donation.

Let's donate more this year than last year!

Last year, Congregation B'nai Tikvah collected enough *Kosher for Passover* food for over 10 families to enjoy a wonderful Passover Seder.

We are happy to be involved this year coordinating B'nai Tikvah's efforts on behalf of our community along with the Religious and Nursery Schools. Each class will be given a different list so as to gather a variety of items. We hope you and your family will participate in this project to help make this coming Passover a little brighter for Jewish families in need.

Below is a list of items needed by Jewish Family Service for each basket. *100 pounds of Matzo is great but won't make a Seder! If you do not have an item from the list on hand, feel free to donate any Kosher for Passover item you can.*

Candies	Grape Juice	Oil
Gefilte Fish	Horseradish	Potato/Latke or Kugel Mix
Canned Fruit	Instant Decaf Coffee (4 or 6oz only)	Soda
Canned Soup	Jelly	Sugar
Canned Tuna/Sardines	Macaroons	Tea Bags
Canned Vegetables	Matzo	
Coffee	Matzo Meal	

If you prefer to make a cash donation make your check payable to "Jewish Family Service" and mail to the attention of Social Action Committee, Congregation B'nai Tikvah, 1001 Finnegan's Lane, North Brunswick, NJ 08902

Questions? Please contact:

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Sunday, March 2: Mah Jongg Tournament

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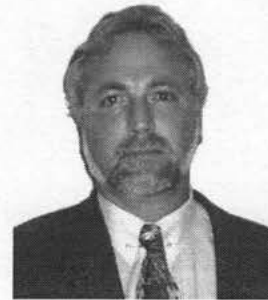
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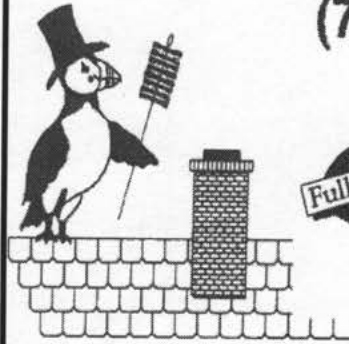
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