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The Mitzvah of Organ Donation

Dear Haverim,

The urgent need of one of our own congrergants has truly focused our attention on the issue of organ donation. In recent weeks we, along with people of compassion accross the country, have stepped up financially to help make it possible for Donna Glazer to receive the liver transplant she needs to survive. I pray that by the time you read these words Donna Will be recuperating from surgery, looking forward to spending this Pesach, and many more to come, with her family. If Donna is still waiting for a transplant, join me in the prayer that she be blessed with the gift of life soon. Her situation demands our attention and a serious reflection on The issue of organ donation in our society.

The Mitzvah of Organ and Tissue Donation

The inestimable value of human life is a cardinal principle of Jewish Law and its preservation is seen as an obligation imposed by the Torah. This obligation includes not only self-preservation, but the duty to save the life of one's fellow human being, should they be in mortal danger. This is based on the verse, "You shall not stand idly by the blood of your neighbor," and is reformulated by the Talmud into a positive commandment that "every individual, insofar as they are able, is obligated to restore the health of their neighbor." Maimonides emphasizes that "all Israel are commanded to take life saving action. One must turn to all available resources so that one's neighbors blood not be lost." That the mandate to preserve life takes precedence over other religious obligations is well articulated by former British Chief Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovits. "It is obligatory to disregard laws conflicting with the immediate claims of life, ... preservation of life overrides all other considerations." This mandate also demands an appropriate response

For several years, I have had the opportunity to serve on a clergy advisory council for The Sharing Network: New Jersey Organ and Tissue Sharing Network. One of the most difficult issues we confronted was the misinformation that pervades many of the religious communities on this issue, the Jewish community included.

If asked about the permissability of organ donation in Jewish law, most of you would answer "No" with absolute conviction. That "No" would be echoed in many corners of the Jewish world, reflecting the strong, ingrained belief, that Jews do not donate organs. It is viewed by many as coming under the same prohibition as autopsies. While this notion is very popular and pervasive, it is wrong when reflecting on the last two decades of discussion by the greatest authorities in Jewish Law.

To be sure post-mortem donation of organs is not without halachic difficulties. Scholars have dealt with the most common objections to organ donation: Nivul Hamet-

Ha-met - deriving benefit from a dead body; and Halanat Ha-met—delaying burial. Collectively, these three concerns can be termed K'vod Ha-met - the dignity of the dead. Regarding the first two issues, Nivul Ha-met and Hana'ah min Ha-met, former Israeli Chief Rabbi Isser Yehuda Unterman rules clearly.

Regarding the question of whether the Law permits surgical removal of tissue from a dead body... subsequently to be transplanted as an organic part of the living... I find the matter to be simple. Since these procedures constitute preservation of life there is no diffficulty. After all, weighty Torah prohibitions are set aside for the preservation of life. Hence, such surgical procedures conducted to save a life are absolutely permitted.

To this Rabbi Efrayim Oshry added, "Where saving a life is involved, we are not concerned with the desecration of the dead" for there is no greater honor to the deceased than saving a life.

While traditional sources do not deal directly with this issue, one can learn their position on this matter by looking at the limited condition under which they would allow for an autopsy to be performed. Permission to perform autopsies under the rubric of preserving life has always been limited by the stipulation that there be a specific beneficiary of the information gained by the procedure. A demonstrable need to avert an immediate danger to a specific human being is a necessary requirement. In the case of organ donation this requirement is ipso facto satisfied so immediate and specific is the need for organs.

To emphasize this, allow me to digress for a moment, to discuss the dimension of the need for organ donors. There are over 42,000 people waiting for organ transplants. Of this number, over 1,400 are children. Many thousands more need donated tissues. About 25% of these patients will die because an organ will not be available for them. Typically, eight or more such patients die each day. Compounding this, according to The Sharing Network, is the fact that "primary donors are between ages 15 and 65. They are in good health but have died suddenly, possibly through accidents and are declared brain dead... An estimated 20,00 to 25,000 brain deaths occur in the United States each year." This limited group is further narrowed by the need for the organ to be a "good genetic match" to minimize chances of natural organ rejection. The closer the match, the greater the prospects for a successful transplant.

The use of brain-death as a medical determination of death dates only to the World Medical Assembly in 1968. It is defined as "permanent functional death of the centers in the brain that control thebreathing, pupillary, and other vital reflexes." Amongst Jewish Halachic authorities, there is almost universal acceptance of this criterion for determining the death of an individual and is accepted by all Halachic authorities in the Conservative

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The Mitzvah of Organ Donation (continued)

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Movement. To safeguard the final moments of the potential donor's life, certification of death must be done by two physicians neither of whom are involved in the transplant procedure.

The third and most emotionally difficult issue, is that of K¹vod Ha-met—the dignity of the deceased. This is a weighty and cherished religious imperative which has given rise to a widespread aversion amongst Jews to any interference with the dead. It is for this reason that the rabbinic community has in Rabbi Unterman¹s words attempted "to influence relatives and to persuade them to consent²" o organ and tissue donation. This approach does not change the fact that, in the words of Rabbi David Golinkin, "It is not merely permissable for a Jew to bequeath his/her organs for transplantation following death, it is a Mitzvah to do so, in order to save one life or several lives."

Israeli jurist, Haim Cohn adds the following insight. "It is no accident that Jewish Law concentrates on duties and has no room for rights. It is the performance of duties by which God is served."

In a Teshuva for the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards, Rabbi Joseph Prouser elaborated on this idea stating: "We affirm that the preservation of life overrides all other considerations. We ought not, as our final act, glorify personal preference at the expense of other human beings."

One must also not underestimate the following consideration formulated by Rabbi Unterman. "It is a great merit to the deceased, and gratifying to his/her soul that so great a Mitzvah is fulfilled with his/her body." In addition to the benefit to the deceased, "studies have found that the organ or tissue donation of a loved one who has died helps to shorten the time needed by members of the bereaved family to recover from their loss. Serving as an organ donor thus not only saves lives, but also provides comfort and healing to one's own loved ones... a blessedness made more remarkable and unexpected precisely because of its association with an experience of such abysmal despair and suffering... It doesn't remove the pain or loss, but it allows something good to be salvaged from an otherwise horrible occurence."

In addition to the "redemptive comfort" inherent in the act of givivng, donor families identify the further emotional benefit of the sense of knowing that "donors will never be forgotten" by those whose lives they saved. Relatives of donors also experience a sense of extended family and community with other donors and recipients.

Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik writes, "Aninut (the stage of mourning between the death and the burial) represents the spontaneous human reaction to death.. Man responds to his defeat at the hands of death with total resignation and with an all-consuming, masochistic, self-devastating black despair." It is understandable that at this moment families are not emotionally equipped to act magnanimously

to preserve human life. In his teshuva, Rabbi Prouser concludes that, "Consenting to organ donation provides an effective source of comfort and emotional healing. Mandating organ donation in advance thus doubly exemplifies human sensitivity. It brings physical healing to the deathly ill. It also brings emotional healing to the bereaved, while relieving them of an emotional burden and decision they are temporarily unable to bear."

The Jewish Medical Directives for Health Care prepared by The Committee on Jewish Law and Standards of The Rabbinical Assembly (available from the Rabbi along with organ donor cards) captures the essence of the matter. "The preservation of human life is obligatory, not optional. Since all conflicting halachic duties are suspended, and specific, readily identifiable human lives are at stake, providing consent for post-mortem organ and tissue donation when needed for lifesaving transplant procedures is not only permissable but a positive Mitzvah. There is no greater "K'vod Ha-Met" than to bring healing to the living."

May the Holy One preserve and protect us from such a circumstance but let us act as a blessing if misfortune, God forbid, strikes.

With blessings, Rabbi David M. Eligberg

SCHEDULE OF DAILY SERVICES

ahareet 7:30 PM	Mincha/Maariv
7:30 PM	Mincha/Maariv
7:30 PM	Mincha/Maariv
7:30 PM	Mincha/Maariv
nahareet 7:30 PM	Mincha/Maariv
8:00 PM	Kabbalat Shabbat
nabbat* PM	Mincha/Maariv**
	7:30 PM 7:30 PM 7:30 PM nahareet 7:30 PM 8:00 PM

Babysitting available Shabbat morning 10:00—12:00

** As appropriate for the time of year

OUR HAZZAN'S VOICE

Prayer Aerobics

Last year Ann Kanarek, our religious school Principal, asked me to participate in the Dalet PACT a program. The topic was prayer, a natural for the Cantor. As I contemplated and planned the presentation, my concern was, how could I make it informative, enjoyable and moving? I decided to combine prayer with exercise. I'm not sure where I came up with this concept, but, to me, from my own journey, it just made sense.

Think about any activity at which you wish to become proficient. You must practice or study. Exercise and prayer have so much in common. You dedicate yourself to the endeavor. There is no doubt that the more you do them, your desire for proficiency and your ability at each improves. With dedication to



either, it is likely that they become much more enjoyable. While working out, there are times as we strive physical health, for a sense of well being to overcome us, both physically and emotionally. There is a similar sense of well being that can overcomes us during prayer. Have you ever seen a hassid pouring out his heart and soul in his prayer? Through prayer, many people can become emotional as they strive to reach out to God. Their spiritual experience becomes physical.

So, what is "Prayer Aerobics?" I base it on the structure of our morning prayers. Here is a brief outline of the program:

- 1. Birkot Hashachar, the series of morning blessing in which we thank God for awakening, dressing, washing and other similar activities. This is like stretching.
- 2. Pesukey D'zimrah, A collection of biblical passages from the book of Psalms, in which we praise God in nature and in history. These prayers serve as a transition to the formal Morning Prayer service. Warm-up, do some jumping jacks and other light aerobic exercises such as jogging in space.
- 3. Shacharit, the morning prayer service. Now its time for all out prayer and running or weight lifting. The Barechu is the formal call to worship. A the Hazzan summons the congregation to begin the service, the congregation responds to the call by reciting "Blessed be the Lord who is blessed for ever and ever."

As you continue your circuit of exercise activities, so do the prayers increase in intensity. Our hearts, the key to aerobic health and spiritual well being are truly exercised and our spiritual and physical health become linked.

There are a lot more details to understand our service/ session. In a booklet titled Siddur 101, by Abraham Lubin, you can learn more about the meaning and structure of our Shabbat Services. The booklet is available through the Cantors Assembly for just five dollars (I have a few copies in my office). The service and our aerobic session each conclude with a warm down. We end our service each Shabbat with Adon Olam, Eternal Lord. This popular hymn extols God's supremacy, omnipotence, and uniqueness. So we begin with the mundane and conclude by singing out the words of the hymn with our entire being. We strive for a robust sense of spiritual and physical well being.

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

B'simcha, with jov. Cantor Bruce Rockman



B'NAI MITZVAH



Carly Weinreb April 12, 2003 Daughter of Steven and Sharon Weinreb



David Levinson April 26, 2003 Son of Seth and Susan Levinson

B'NAI TIKVAH ADULT EDUCATION

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The Jewish Community **Faces Anti-Semitism**

Guest Speaker

SHAI GOLDSTEIN

Director **Anti-Defamation League** NJ Regional Office

Thursday, May 1, 2003 Join us for minyan at 7:30pm Program follows at 8pm

Light refreshments will be served Program is FREE-Open to the public. Synagogue membership is NOT required.

Congregation B'nai Tikvah's Program Committee will host a program on critical issues facing the Jewish community with respect to anti-Semitism and Israel advocacy.

As ADL regional director, Shai Goldstein is charged with the responsibility of promoting the National ADL's Charter to "...stop the defamation of the Jewish People ... Secure justice and fair treatment to all citizens alike." He will outline activities that the ADL is involved in from Jamesburg to Jerusalem, Highland Park to Haifa, from Princeton to Paris and everywhere in-between.

Mr. Goldstein networks and develops programs with other civil rights groups, government and community leaders, law enforcement, educators, and Jewish and non-Jewish clergy leaders to further the goals of the ADL's national charter. Mr. Goldstein is a graduate of Drew University in Madison, NJ and holds a law degree from Suffolk University Law School in

For additional information about Mr. Goldstein or ADL-NJ, call 973-669-9749 or visit their website: new-jersey@adl.org.

CONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH JCC OF NORTH AND SOUTH BRUNSWICK AND MIDDLESEX CHAPTER OF BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY NATIONAL WOMEN'S COMMITTEE PRESENT



ROCHELLE KRICH

Award winning author

Book and Author Supper Party catered by Classical Caterers at B'nai Tikvah

April 29, 2003 at 7pm

Couvert \$36 per person Reservations and payment required by April 7 NO Walk-ins Accepted.

Rochelle Krich, a veteran lecturer, has addressed numerous Jewish and secular organizations, including Federations, Jewish Book Fairs, and mystery conferences.

She writes about compelling social issues such as an Orthodox Jewish woman whose husband won't give her a religious divorce, the criminal justice system and date rape, infertility and assisted reproduction, Holocaust revisionism and Swiss bank accounts, child abuse and domestic violence, teen violence and family dysfunction, and postpartum illness.

To reserve your place, call Arleen Uroff 732-329-8033 or Audrey Whitman 732-254-3235. Mail your check, payable to Congregation B'nai Tikvah for \$36 per person to:

CONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH, 1001 FINNEGAN'S LANE, NORTH BRUNSWICK, NJ 08902.

On SUNDAY, April 27th, B'nai Tikvah USY, in conjunction with the Religious School, sponsors a very special event:

The Last Bridge

A George Street Playhouse Production

SUNDAY, APRIL 27th

The play is called *The Last Bridge*. It tells the story of a young woman's last hours with the family, and the bridge that was her last hope for survival. Barbara's story is one of tremendous loss, but also of first love. Had Barbara not crossed the bridge that day in 1943, she most likely would have suffered the same fate as a friend of her family's – Anne Frank.

When: Sunday, April 27th

Where: Crossroads S. Middle School (S. Brunswick)

Time: 10:30 am-noon

Cost: \$10 for adults, \$5 for students (in advance)

\$15 for adults, \$7 for students (at the door)

All profits will go to charity.

Note: The play is appropriate for ages 10 and up!!

Ticket Order Form				
Yes, I'd like to attend "The Last Bridg	ge". Please send me adult tickets andstudent tickets			
Name:	Phone:			
Address:				

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS

Ann Kanarek, Director

What Judaism Says About War

A war in Iraq. Should we or shouldn't we? As this is written, that is the question on everyone's mind and there are wide-ranging opinions on this issue. Jewish law has much to say about war. The Talmud describes three types:

Obligatory Wars are those commanded by God. They include the biblical wars fought to acquire the Promised Land, as well as those against the descendants of Amalek, who attacked the wandering Israelites' infirmed and weak.

Defensive Wars are also obligatory. If attacked, people are obliged to defend themselves (based on Exodus 22:1, "If a thief is found breaking in, and he is struck so that he dies, there shall be no blood shed for him"). Jewish law is quite clear: if a person faces a deadly threat from a given assailant, that person is required to take whatever steps are necessary to preserve his/her own life, including killing the assailant. Perhaps most significant here is that selfdefensive killing in such cases is a moral obligation, and one need not wait until an assailant strikes the first blow before Optional Wars include those killing in self-defense. intended to extend the borders of Israel beyond those defined in the Torah in order "to enhance its greatness and prestige" (Mishneh Torah). A king may not initiate such a war without a clear mandated from the Sanhedrin, the Jewish rabbinic leadership body.

Whatever happens in the near future, we know we are in very uncertain times. I wish you all peace, goodness, and blessing....sim shalom tova u'vracha. Speedily and in our day. Help us to give our children and our children's children a world of beauty, of delight, and of secure, unthreatened peace.

CONGRATULATIONS to our top Passover Candy Sellers:

Erica Cohen
Jessica and Lana Gerstein
Arielle Sherman





RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR

Fri., 4/4: Bet class Shabbat dinner (6:30pm) and

service (8:00pm)

Sat., 4/5: Dalet class Shabbat service and luncheon Sun., 4/6: K/1st/2nd/Alef class special Passover

program: Go Down Moses, 9:30 am

Tues., 4/15- Passover/Spring Break; classes resume on Sun. 4/27

Sun., 4/27: Special Yom Hashoah program:

The Last Bridge. (For grades 5-12), 10:00am-12:05pm. This is a powerful play about a young woman's last hours with her family and the bridge that was her last hope for survival. At 10:00 am buses will transport students to the Crossroads School-South from B'nai Tikvah. Parents--please pick up children from Crossroads School-South (159 Major Road) at 12:05 after the program.

Sun., 5/4: SECOND GRADE PARENTS, 10:05 am - 10:25 am. Join us for a brief orientation to

our Alef curriculum and program.

Sun., 5/4: CHAI SCHOOL ORIENTATION, 11:45

am - Hei students and parents are invited to find out about our Chai school curriculum

and program.

PLEASE WATCH YOUR CHILDREN . . .

Please help us to protect our medical equipment. Due to a generous donation from Barbara Kaplan, we now have a synagogue wheelchair and walker which are being stored in the coat closet.

This donation was necessary because the previous synagogue wheelchair was destroyed by children playing on it during services.

Please help us to make sure that no children play with this equipment. Only in this way can we be sure that this equipment will be available to those in need.

According to the Torah there is no greater mitzvah than the saving of a life. In the context of that mitzvah, the children of B'nai Tikvah are donating a great portion of their Tzedakah money to the **Donna Glazer Organ Transplant Fund.**Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to the Glazer family.

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Fran Pearlson, Director

TRADITION, TRADITION...

Many of us have special memories of Passover seders. The smells coming from our mother's and grandmother's kitchens, the noise and laughter while family members settle around the table ready to recount the story of our ancestors and their journey from bondage to freedom. Here at our nursery school we hope that we



will also create special memories when our children will gather around beautifully decorated seder tables with their parents, grandparents or friends to share prayers, sing songs, dip the parsley in salt water, eat matzah, drink pretend wine and ask the four questions. It will be a beautiful sight to behold as our children and their families participate in continuing our customs and traditions!

FASCINATING PASSOVER FOOD FACTS...



We have always lived in many countries of the world. Our customs and traditions vary greatly when it comes to preparing traditional Jewish foods. Of all the foods, Charoset - that sweet mixture of fruits and nuts representing mortar - is the most varied. There are Italian recipes with poppy seed, Yemenite recipes with cayenne

pepper, Ethiopian recipes with lemon rind and pine nuts, and Persian recipes with pomegranate seeds. Ashkenazic (European) Jews are forbidden to eat rice on Passover, but for Sephardic Jews (Jews of Spanish descent), rice is a traditional staple. Ashkenazic Jews use horseradish for bitter herbs, while Sephardic Jews uses romaine lettuce. An Ashkenazic breakfast during Passover will undoubtedly include Matzah Brei while Bunuellas (a fried Passover doughnut) will grace a Sephardic table.

On behalf of our nursery school staff we wish everyone a Happy Passover!

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Please reserve your tickets for our First Annual Character Breakfast/Reunion. Our event will take place on Sunday, May 18th. See our advertisement in this month's Hakol. Call the nursery school for further information about this exciting fundraiser.

NURSERY SCHOOL CALENDAR

Thurs., 4/3	Pre-k trip to Matzah Factory
Fri., 4/4	Three year old class trip to
	Matzah Factory
Thurs., 4/10	Two and a half year old Family
	Passover Seder
Mon., 4/14	Pre-K & Three-Year-Old Family
1110111, 11-1	Passover Seders
Tues., 4/15	Passover/Spring Break
Mon., 4/28	Nursery School Resumes

TOT SHABBAT UPDATE



3-5 Year Olds: April 5, May 10, June 14 5 -7 Year Olds April 26, May 24, June 28

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

Have you been to Tot Shabbat? Twice a month we have a group of great young singers between the ages of 2 and 5 (although we will never kick you out if you want to join us) and we sing about Shabbat and any upcoming holidays. We spun like a dreidle for Chanukah and we booed out Haman's name for Purim. We dance and use the hand motions for David Melech. When we sing Bim Bam, you had better cover your ears before the kids can yell Shabbat Shalom Hey!

Parents are always welcome to stay and sing with us, but some parents do enjoy the grown up time of being in services. There are still a few months left to come and join our giggles before the summer.

There is no fee, just bring your smiles and big voices!

B'NAI TIKVAH YOUTH

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Last month we celebrated the festivities of Purim. USY raised a substantial amount of money at the Purim Carnival and the Megillah reading for the benefit of Donna Glazer. In the Megillah, we read of the story of Esther, one courageous wo man who saved the Jewish people of Shushan. Today, the Jewish people have saved the life of one courageous woman. I would like to extend a special thanks to the congregation for their support in the campaign to save Donna Glazer's life and encourage the congregation to continue giving.

This month the Israelis from Ramla will be joining us for Pesach. This event is very exciting as we can interact with Israeli youth and hear about their beautiful country. Israel is the true Jewish homeland, and sharing Pesach with those who experience the country everyday should be a very inspiring event for our congregation.

Also, twenty USYers will be heading off to Spring Convention on April 12th (this is the highest number of USYers from B'nai Tikvah attending a convention in many years). This is the biggest convention of the year and our chapter is extremely excited to be represented so well.

B'ahava Elyse Ross Communications VP

USY APRIL CALENDAR

(All events this month will include our student visitors from Ramla, Israel.)

Rex Plex Sporting Center, Nets Game April 14 April 15 Ice Skating/Movie April 19 TBA Great Adventure April 20 **NYC Trip** April 21 **NYC Trip** April 22 Mincha/Maariv/Havdallah services April 26

and mixer

Introducing

LOX BOX

for Mother's Day! Sponsored by USY

Do something nice for your wife, mother, grandmother, or anyone else you know this Mother's Day! Why not wake her up with a nice family breakfast for four? Buy a Lox Box sponsored by North/South Brunswick USY.

Please have orders in the USY Mail Box in the main office at B'nai Tikvah no later than May 5, 2002.

Date:

Sunday, May 11

(Mother's Day)

Pick-up Time:

9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

at B'nai Tikvah

Contents:

6 bagels

1/2 lb. Cream Cheese

1/4 lb. Lox

1 quart Orange Juice

Cost:

Only \$12!

Please make checks payable to North/South Brunswick USY.

Name: _			
Phone N	lumber:		
# of Lox	Boxes:		
Type of	bagels (6 total)-		
Plain:	Sesame:	Salt:	Poppy:
Total An	nount Enclosed:		
Approxi	mate Time of Pi	ck-Up:	

If you have any questions, contact Steve Springer at (732) 951-1272.

The JCC of North & South Brunswick Nursery School Presents it's First Ever

Character Breakfast



Who's Invited?

EVERYONE!!!

All current & past nursery school students and staff, their families and friends.

Bring Grandma, a cousin, a neighbor.—

It's sure to be fun for all!!!

What?

Cold Buffet Breakfast

Autograph and Photo session with your
favorite characters

Reminisce with old friends and teachers

Prize Raffle





Where? When?

Congregation B'nai Tikvah Sunday, May 18 9am-11am

Cost

\$8 per person (incl. autograph book for children)

For more information or to purchase tickets please call the nursery school office at 732-297-2095. Tickets must be purchased by April 30. No limit to the number of tickets you can buy.



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YOUTH TORAH TROPE CLUB



The Torah Trope Class is open to all 5th and 6th grade students (who have not yet started Bar/Bat Mitzvah lesson). The class meets from 10 to 10:30 every Shabbat morning in the school wing. After learning the names and sounds of each of the Trope, they are

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taught how to apply that to the written word. The study guides all have vowels and trope (the markings, like musical notes that tell you how to chant each word). However, the actual Torah has no vowels or trope to help them along!!! Hebrew reading with proficiency is required. A \$5 club fee is charged. Call Dot Cohen at 732-821-4376 to sign up.

Congratulations to the new Torah readers at B'nai Tikvah. During the months of February and March, Samantha Alpert, Rebecca Binder, Elliot Cohen, Josh Kohn, Cory Nagelberg, Rebecca Safeer, and Jessica Shultz each read from the Torah at either Junior Congregation Family Service or during Mincha. These students are all part of the Torah Trope Club at B'nai Tikvah. This is quite an accomplishment for these students, who are each going on to continue reading again in the near future. Every reader was presented with their own Tikun (a study book for reading from the Torah).

MAKELAH

The Makelah is pleased to announce that Marty Angstreich has accepted the position as director of the Makelah.

The Makelah has been organizing a reunion of its former members to join with the current singers to honor a very special B'nai Tikvah couple celebrating their 60th anniversary on April 12, 2003. The chorus will present some favorite renditions for Shabbat morning services and the kiddush luncheon that follows. Please join us!

All sopranos, altos, tenors and basses are welcomed to join the B'nai Tikvah Makelah. Please call Cantor Rockman at 732-297-0696, Cheryl Asnis at 732-297-5379, or Gina Gerstein at 732-329-1198 for further information.

SHABBAT SERVICES ON CD



BRUULICE Custom cd's of our Shabbat services are available.(for learning puposes). Please contact Cantor Rockman to place your order. FREE!

Donations to cover cost accepted.

CONGREGANT'S COAT MYSTERIOUSLY CHANGES SIZE AND OTHER BT FINDINGS

If you attended Danielle Nudelman's Bat Mitzvah on March 15, you most likely left with your overcoat tucked under your arm due to the warm weather. If you are female and have a black coat with velvet hood and cuffs, we'd just like to warn you not to be alarmed if the next time you try to put it on, that it is several sizes too small. No, you have not gained 10 sizes since that Saturday. You just simply walked of with some one else's size 6 overcoat who's owner is having little trouble keeping warm in a size 16.

B'nai Tikvah is also considering going into the jewelry business. We have an abundant inventory of rings, trinkets, bracelets, and other items graciously left unintentionally by our congregants and guests. While it's true that B'nai Tikvah serves as a conduit for charitable contributions for many well deserving causes, the creed "finders keepers, losers weepers" is not in our charter.

If you are missing something that you assume is just lost around the house, stop by the synagogue office. We may have just what you're looking for at a price you can't refuse.

WEBMASTER'S MESSAGE

Where have we come from, Where are we now, where are we going, and where do we fit in? The answers to these questions and more can be found by clicking Our History, Our Leaders, Our Future, and Our Community at www. bnaitikvah.org

FIFTY PLUS CLUB

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 29 at 1p.m. in the social hall of the Synagogue.

In observance of YOM HA'SHOAH we will have the honor of hearing our own Martha and Herman Rotter speaking informally about some of their personal recollections of having lived through the Holocaust. We will pay tribute to several other Congregation members who also survived the Holocaust. We have the Kolin Torah at the entrance of the Sanctuary in our Synagogue. Neysa Bibel will tell us about her family's personal part in bringing it to us.

We will also have nomination of officers for the coming term of office. All are invited. Refreshments will be served.

This Wasn't Supposed to Happen Again!

April 2003

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CORRECTION:

The Article on the Synagogue Expansion in the March Hakol should have been attributed to both Mitch Frumkin and Mark Kasdin. Mark's name was accidentally omitted from the heading of that article. Please accept our apologies.

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

GIVE US YOUR OLD **CELL PHONES**

Do you have an old cell phone you do not know what to do with? Let Social Action take it off your hands! Bring your old cell phone with its battery and charger to the synagogue office. Social Action will be donating these phones to women from Women Aware, a shelter for battered women. All donated phones must have a battery and a charger. This program will be on-going.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION......

Hire Attire Boutique collects old clothing in good condition for men and women that is appropriate for job interviews as well as for work. They will take suits, dresses, skirts as well as nice casual clothing such as a pair of dockers and a shirt. The boutique accepts accessories such as belts, jewelry and purses also. The Hire Attire Boutique provides participants with hands-on retail work experience in their store combined with high school diploma preparation. It also provides participants with the clothing necessary to find and maintain a job. To donate, call Hire Attire Boutique to arrange a convenient time to drop off your items at 732-745-5300, ext.4501 It is located at 268 Baldwin Street, New Brunswick. Scott Bollwage is the program coordinator. This program is connected with the New Brunswick Public Schools Adult Learning Center.

IT'S COMING! IT'S COMING!

What's coming? The MITZVAH CRIB! Watch for it soon in the synagogue lobby.



What is a Mitzvah Crib? A convenient place for you to drop off baby items which will be donated to indigent families in New Brunswick. When you do your

weekly shopping, pick up an item to drop in our Mitzvah Crib. Suggested items include: toys, rattles, books, diapers & wipes, powder, lotion, bibs, bottles, spill-proof cups & clothes.

Need more information? Contact Renee Levin (slevin@umdnj.edu or 732-422-8590).

MAY IS "BRING A SCHOOL SUPPLY FOR A NEEDY CHILD" MONTH

Items needed are:

new back packs pens pencils crayons markers

folders

3-ring binders notebook paper 1 subject notebooks kids scissors glue sticks

Back packs are a necessity, as all items will be put inside and then given to low income Questions? Call either Arlene Frumkin at 732-297-5069 or LouAnne Wolf at

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If you are interested in volunteering or making a donation, please contact Jodi Eligberg at abbaeema@optonline.net or (732)-940-1973, or Barbara Reiss at emunah2000@aol. com or 732-390-7434. For more information about The Happy Birthday Foundation, check out their website at www.birthdayfoundation.org, Please help give a child a happy birthday!

RAMLA STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Monday April 7

Group arrives at Newark Airport

Tuesday April 8

Israelis visit Liberty Science Center

Wednesday April 9

Israelis travel to Washington DC and/or Baltimore

Thursday April 10

Israelis return from Washington, D.C.

Friday April 11

Israelis and our USYers attend Spring Convention

Sunday April 13

Israelis and our USYers return from Convention

Monday April 14

SOUTH BRUNSWICK SCHOOLS- Early Release Day Students and Israelis to: Quakerbridge Mall, Rex Plex Sporting Center, Nets Game

Tuesday April 15

SOUTH BRUNSWICK SCHOOLS- Early Release Day. Israelis attend school with SBHS students. After school all go ice-skating and to a movie

Wednesday April 16

SOUTH BRUNSWICK SCHOOLS- Early Release Day. Israelis attend school with SBHS students. No after school event.

FIRST PASSOVER SEDER

Thursday April 17- Saturday April 19

Israelis will spend these days with host families.

Sunday April 20

Israelis and students spend day at Great Adventure (Passover Day — the park offers Kosher for Passover meals)

Monday April 21, Tuesday April 22

Israelis and students spend the day in NYC

Wednesday April 23

YOMTOV - Israelis spend day with host families

Thursday April 24

Israelis spend the day in Philadelphia, accompanied by a tour guide

Friday April 25

Israelis will spend the day at the Jersey Gardens Outlet Mall. Family Shabbat dinner?

Saturday April 26

Israelis will spend final day with host family.

Mincha/Maariv/Havdallah services at Behar house followed by a student/Israeli dance

Sunday April 27

Israelis leave for airport for return to Eretz Yisroel

FROM THE SYNAGOGUE OFFICE: IF WE KNEW YOU WERE COMING WE'D HAVE BAKED A CAKE



PLEASE COME TO EVENTS--AND PLEASE TELL US YOU ARE COMING! We understand that many decisions are made at the last moment, and this makes it difficult to make a commitment in advance. We would like to encourage you to RSVP anyway, even if you are only considering attending an event but haven't made a final decision. This information will help us to be better prepared.

For several recent events we were pleased to have a strong turn-out but unfortunately there was not enough food due to the lack of RSVPs. In the future, please be sure to RSVP, so we can be certain that no one will leave the synagogue hungry.

NEW WHEELCHAIR DONATED

We would like to express our gratitude to Barbara Kaplan for her generous donation of a new wheelchair and walker to our congregation. The new medical equipment will be stored in the coat closet and will be available to anyone who needs such assistance at services.

We also must implore parents to ensure that their children do not play on the equipment. The previous synagogue wheelchair had to be replaced as a result of children playing on it and ultimately destroying it. Please help us to protect this equipment so that it will be available to those in need.

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CHOMETZ, SEDERS, AND AFIKOMEN ... OH BOY!

What do the above have in common with the following?

10 plagues?

4 questions?

3 matzos?

10 Commandments?

0 Partridge in a Pear Tree?

Hint: The event in question occurred in Egypt one Springtime a LONG, LONG time ago.

Yes!! You guessed correctly. It's Passover. It's that time of year again to stock the shelves with Passover goodies. Remember to purchase and use supermarket scrip when going to buy your Passover (and everyday) needs. Stop by the scrip table on Sundays during religious school hours OR call the synagogue during office hours OR "visit" the synagogue's website at www.bnaitikvah.org OR call one of the committee members. Remember for every dollar you buy in scrip, our synagogue receives 5%. So, support Congregation B'nai Tikvah and enjoy the holiday.

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Sunday, April 6, 10 a.m.: Edith Zamost from the Jewish Historical Society of Central New Jersey, will be our guest speaker. She will share her insights on "The Jewish Impact on the World of Television." Join us at 10 AM for breakfast and an enjoyable and entertaining morning. Mrs. Zamost travels around the country speaking on a variety of Jewishrelated topics and is an active member of the National Board of Hadassah.

April 27 12:30-3:30: TARTANS AND PLAIDS CROCHET CLASS:

Learn an unbelievable technique to crochet and interweave

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booklet, a weaving tool and enough yarn to complete your sampler.

Bring a SIZE G crochet hook to class. Knowledge of basic single and double crochet stitches a plus. RSVP by April 18 to Deborah Spigner at 732-545-8457.

Sunday, May 18, 10 a.m.: Join us for breakfast as we honor the Past Presidents of the B'nai Tikvah Sisterhood is the theme of our last general meeting this year. It is a perfect way to complement the presentation of the slate to elect the new Sisterhood Board.

Don't forget to order your Passover flowers. Call Fern at 732-422-4321 by April 9 to order.

The Mah Jongg Tournament was a huge success. All those who attended had a great time. It was a relaxing, and fun afternoon for all.

Gift Shop

Need a new kippah, seder plate, salt water dish? Give us a call. We'll open just for you! Deborah Spigner (732-545-8457) or Laurie Waltzer (732-329-9580)

Torah Fund Cards can be sent for any occasion. Only \$3.50. Call Sandra at 732-940-8744.

MEN'S CLUB

Sunday, April 13:

Local School Budgets

Minyan starting at 9:30am Program to start at 10am.

SPEAKERS:

Marty Abshutz - South Brunswick Board of Education Robert Haws- North Brunswick Board of Education

A special thank you to Phil Mushnick of the NY Post Sports Department for an excellent presentation at our March meeting. We had a record turn out despite the icy weather conditions. It was a pleasure to have Mr. Mushnick join us for minyan.

Jeff Cadoff was the winner of the David Wells autobiography that was donated by the publisher.

Dan Greenberg was the winner of the HBO:25 Years of Boxing book, autographed by George Foreman that was donated by Mr. Mushnick.

The honorarium to Mr. Mushnick was donated by Les Friedman and Evan Bernstein (our caterers) who own Cuzzins Deli in Morganville, NJ.

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Suse Rosenstock, of blessed memory, was an active member of Congregation B'nai Tikvah, and of Sisterhood—on local, regional, and international levels. She was a Holocaust survivor who devoted her time to teaching others about the Holocaust. Suse and her husband, Walter, always made sure that our synagogue bima was adorned with flowers for the High Holidays.

Each card costs \$4, a pack of 5 for \$18. The inside of each card is blank.

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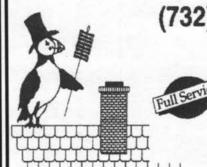
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