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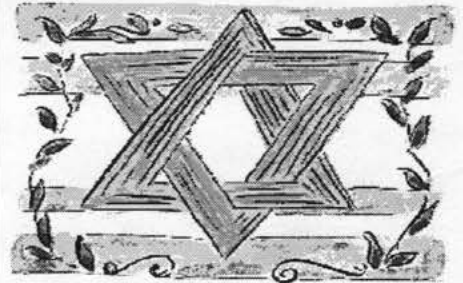
MAY HIGHLIGHTS

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**The Jewish Community
Faces Anti-Semitism**

Guest Speaker

SHAI GOLDSTEIN

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

**Thursday, May 1
Minyan 7:30 pm
Program 8:00 pm**

Program is Free

**Light refreshments will be
served**



**Details Inside
RSVP by June 1**

Shavuot at B'nai Tikvah

Tikkun LeI Shavuot

Thursday, June 5, 8:00 PM - Midnight

In excitement & anticipation of receiving the Torah our ancestors stayed up late into the night. A midrash teaches that at midnight the Israelites were given a glimpse into the realm of the Holy One!

With all that is taking place in Israel, I felt it most appropriate that we reflect on the centrality and importance of the land of Israel in Jewish thought and literature.

Bikkurim: First Fruits

Friday, June 6, 9:30 AM

During the period of the Temple, our ancestors would bring the first of their ripening crops as a gift to the Sanctuary. For them, it was an expression of appreciation for God's blessing. We can emulate our Israelite ancestors by recognizing our bounty through sharing with those in need.

Bikkurim: First Fruits II

Friday, June 6, 9:30 AM

Another expression of our Bikkurim involves the children born in our congregation since last Shavuot. Parents are invited to bring their newborn to the steps of the bima for a special blessing.

Saturday Study Session

Saturday, June 7, 6:00 - 9:00 PM

For centuries Jews have engaged in the study of rabbinic texts. As we end Shavuot we join together to hear the words of Sinai echoing across the generations and resonating in the words of our sages of blessed memory. We will focus on the Mishna, a

To insure that we prepare enough food please contact the synagogue office (297-0696) by June 1.

OUR HAZZAN'S VOICE

Service Of The Heart

You open Your hand and Your favor sustains all the living.

Earlier this year I wrote about some key Hebrew words to look for as we pray. Last month my article was titled "Prayer Aerobics". Each of these articles was intended to help the reader gain access to the liturgy of our prayer books, of which there are many to choose from. Although they seem basically alike, the editors of each clearly place their imprint. For example the new Siddur from the conservative movement has gender neutral translations and includes the Matriarchs in the Amidah. Our current edition of Sim Shalom has made a number of adjustments in the Hebrew liturgy to reflect our modern perspective. In a typical Orthodox prayer book, neither the Hebrew nor English translation is gender neutral. An example of this is found in the preliminary service, on page 10 in our siddur. In one blessing we praise God for making us a free man or free woman. In traditional prayer books it reads "...for not making me a slave". Our version of the blessings does not include the traditional "Who did not make me a woman". Newer Orthodox prayer books include the option for women "Who made me to His will".

Owning a personal Siddur, from which that you can pray and study should become as Rabbi Nosson Scherman states "...the Jew and his Siddur... inseparable companions." Understanding prayer through the Siddur, we learn that "...prayer is not a shopping list of requests. Primarily, it is an introductive process, a clarifying, refining process of discovering what one is, what we should become, and how to achieve the transformation. Indeed, the commandment to pray is expressed by the Torah as a service of the heart not the mouth."

Still, with my own perspective very well intact, I enjoy and learn a lot about prayer from The Schottenstein Siddur from Artscroll, an Orthodox edition which is loaded with commentary and directions. The Rabbinical Assembly has just published Or Hadash, (a new light): A commentary on Siddur Sim Shalom for Shabbat and Holidays. This new volume written by Rabbi Reuven Hammer will be available on our Sanctuary book-kart shortly. I used it on one occasion to answer a question, and I cannot wait to get my own copy.

Finally I would like to focus briefly on the Psalms that include "Ashrei". Translated as *Praiseworthy* or *Blessed*. The Talmud teaches that the Sages assured a share

in the World to Come to anyone who recites Ashrei properly, three times a day. No other psalm has this status because it includes both the virtues: of praises to God and contains the inspiring and reassuring testimony of God's mercy.

Except for the letter "nun", the prayer is alphabetical. This one letter is excluded because the nun can be taken as an illusion to "n'feelah", Israel's future downfall. The Psalmist refused to suggest tragedy. Nevertheless, knowing that downfalls would take place, the Psalmist comforts Israel with the words "Somech nofling" God supports those who fall. We can always look forward to God's support.

I hope this article will serve to encourage you to read and study the words of our sacred texts, so that your prayers can be, as expressed in the Torah, a service of your heart.

"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/Maariv
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**

B'NAI MITZVAH

Amy Binder
May 3, 2003
 Daughter of
 Marc and Bobbi Binder

Rachel Rosen
May 10, 2003
 Daughter of
 Mark and Patricia
 Rosen



Alexander Ciccione
May 17, 2003
 Son of
 Joseph and Felice
 Ciccione

Joshua Sherman
May 24, 2003
 Son of
 Mark & Brenda
 Sherman



Aaron Gittleman
May 31, 2003
 Son of
 Neal and Cindy
 Gittleman

BT ADULT ED

The Jewish Community Faces Anti-Semitism

Guest Speaker

SHAI GOLDSTEIN

Director
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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 Boston...

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

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS**Ann Kanarek, Director****RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
REGISTRATION**

We hope that, by now, all of you have received your school registration forms and materials. Our classes are filling up quickly and in an effort to keep the class sizes equal, registration is taken on a first-come, first-served basis. If you have not yet registered, please fill out and return the forms as soon as possible. Thank you!

**ATTENTION PARENTS OF
K-2 STUDENTS**

....Why don't you consider joining our religious school program. It offers activities that develops a child's Jewish identity and stimulates their Jewish involvement through music, art, worship and storytelling. We make the most of the hours that your child is with us. The children participate in extensive enrichment programs throughout the year as they get acquainted and become part of our religious school life. Many exciting events are already planned for the upcoming 2003-2004 school year.

Please call the School Office (295-0295) if you would like an application to enroll your child in our school.

**2003-2004 MOMMY & ME
PROGRAM REGISTRATION**

Starts Tuesday May 6th

Mom & Babes (4-12 months)
Mom & Tots (12-18 months)
Mom & Tykes (18-24 months)
Toddler Fun Club (24-30 months)

Contact the Nursery School Office at (732)297-0295 or stop by in person for registration information.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Sun., 5/4:** SECOND GRADE PARENTS, 10:05 am-10:25 am
Next year your children will begin a new phase of our Religious School. Please join us for an orientation to our ALEF curriculum, class schedule, junior congregation requirements and discussion about your role as parents.
- Sun., 5/4:** CHAI SCHOOL ORIENTATION: 11:45 am— **Hei students and parents** are invited to find out about our curriculum Na'aseh V'nishma/Learn and Do. The Rabbi, Education Director, our High School teachers and a panel of students will describe the program and share their thoughts.
- Sun., 5/11:** GIMEL CLASS MOCK WEDDING CEREMONY, 11:30am.
- Thurs., 5/22:** LAST DAY OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL.

SAVE THE DATE**FRIDAY, JUNE 6 8:00 PM**

**SHAVUOT GRADUATION SERVICES
FOR OUR
"CHAI" SCHOOL
AND
HEI (7TH Grade) STUDENTS**

Join us for a very special service and an "Oneg Chag" honoring the graduates.

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Fran Pearlson, Director

Throughout the school year our nursery school has presented many special events and educational programs. These programs have further enhanced the learning activities that take place in our classrooms. We have also had several fundraising events that have provided us with the extra funds to purchase special items such as a computer, computer station and a new piece of playground equipment.

These programs and special events could not have occurred without the assistance of our Parent Advisory Committees. Their support and input throughout the year has been invaluable. Through a successful collaborative effort we were able to provide the children with a variety of exciting, entertaining, and educational programs.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those individuals who have made it all happen for the nursery school this year!

PARENT ADVISORY CO-CHAIRS FOR 2002-2003

Tammy Zimmerman and Carol Ann Harkavy

SPECIAL AND SOCIAL EVENTS:

Leslie Britton and Elizabeth Reichbart, Co-Chairs, Leila Alterman, Maureen Becker, Beth Berger, Dorothy Ferrante, Cheryl Goldstein, Susan Marantz, Hope Maurer, Hope Peters, Helen Schropshire, Sylvia Shore-Katz, Jennifer Solomon

MARKETING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Cheryl Hoffman, chairperson

FUNDRAISING: *Wendy DiBartolo and Danielle Kerker, Co-Chairs, Melissa Burgess, Marina Lavender, Heidi Rubino, Barbara Schwartz, Jodi Segalewitz*

LIBRARY: *Stephanie Landdrieu, Amy Kirsch, Allyson Kovacevich Co-Chairs, Gabriella Hecht, Tamanna Tariq*

COMMUNITY SERVICE: *Jodi Eligberg, Chairperson Rebecca Denlow, Susan Marantz, Cheryl Goldstein*

SCHOLASTIC BOOKS: *Debbie Krutan and Gabriella Hecht, Co-Chairs, Jenni Ackerman, Jennifer Solomon*

PHOTOGRAPHY: *Cheryl Klug Hoffman, Chairperson, Charlene Nass, Maryann Herrera*

CHALLAH COMMITTEE: *Marla Resnick, Cheryl Hoffman, Hope Maurer, Leila Alterman, Wendi DiBartolo, Amy Kirsch, Barbara Schwartz*

PIZZA: *Barbara Schwartz, Chairperson, Leila Alterman, Stephanie Goodman, Jodi Eligberg, Judy Meghnagi, Michelle Friedman Michael Harkavy, Marina Lavender, Hope Maurer, Wendy DiBartolo, Allan Deitch*

CLASSROOM PARENTS: Ruth Boda, Michelle Friedman, Barbara Schwartz, Allyson Kovacevich, Susan Marantz, Sylvia Shore-Katz, Lisa Seidman, Judy Meghnagi, Cheryl Goldstein, Jennifer Solomon, Melissa Burgess

A MILLION THANKS TO...

Tammy Zimmerman, Co-Chairperson of the Parent Advisory Committee for the past two years and **Carol Ann Harkavy** current Parent Advisory Co-Chair. You both are special people whose dedication and caring made a big difference. Thank you for giving so much of yourselves. We truly appreciated your efforts!

Rabbi Eligberg and Cantor Rockman for entertaining and educating our children about Jewish holidays and traditions. We thank you for imparting your knowledge in such an enjoyable manner.

Harold Schneider, Vice President of School and Youth, who for the last two years has been the advisor to the nursery school. We appreciate the time you have devoted for the betterment of the nursery school.

Marc Dillman, Financial Secretary, who for the last five years has prepared our nursery school payroll flawlessly.

Naomi Jackenthal, who receives our bills graciously and pays them too.

Wendy DiBartolo, who has graciously accepted the position of Parent Advisory Chairperson for the 2003-2004 school year.

NURSERY SCHOOL CALENDAR

May 7	Yom Ha'atzmaut
May 12	N3AMI Parent/Teacher Conferences
May 14	N3AMI & N3AMII Parent/Teacher Conferences
May 16	3's Theater Trip - Stuart Little
May 19	3's Lag B'Omer Picnic
May 20	2's & PreK Lag B'Omer Picnic
May 21	PreKI Parent/Teacher Conferences
May 22	PreK Theater Trip - Stuart Little, Staff Lunch & Learn
May 23	N3AMII & PreKI Parent/Teacher Conferences
May 26	Memorial Day/NO SCHOOL
May 27	PreKII Parent/Teacher Conferences
May 28	PreKII Parent/Teacher Conferences
May 29	N2AM Parent/Teacher Conferences

B'NAI TIKVAH YOUTH

USY

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Everything has a beginning and an end, including USY. At Spring Convention, we closed out the 2002-2003 year with a bang as we learned and discovered the importance of Life Cycles through the convention's theme "The Game of Life." Twenty of our own USYers attended this amazing convention, a record high for our chapter. We got right into elections as USYers vied for a place on the regional executive board. A Yasher Koach to Rafi Glazer on running for regional Religious Education VP. Although Rafi did not win his election, a lot of hard work and ambition was put into his campaign. Many tears were shed as Michelle Rich discharged the old board and the region elected a new board. After elections, Hagalil spent a wonderful shabbat full of ruach and tefillah.

USY WINS MOST IMPROVED CHAPTER, OTHER AWARDS!! Our chapter was awarded Most Improved Chapter at this year's Spring convention. This award recognizes the outstanding effort of our USYers throughout the year, and is presented to chapters based on excellence in programming, increased membership, and outstanding support of Social Action and Tikun Olam. Congratulations to all of the hard work done by this year's Board members, and thank you to all USYers who have been active participants. We can't wait to see what next year brings!

B'ahava
Elyse Ross
Communications VP

USY MAY/JUNE CALENDAR

May 10	USY Closing Dance
June 1	Salute to Israel Parade
June 8	Great Adventure Day

Introducing

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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
½ lb. Cream Cheese
¼ lb. Lox
1 quart Orange Juice

Cost: Only \$12!

Please make checks payable to
North/South Brunswick USY.

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Phone Number: _____

of Lox Boxes: _____

Type of bagels (6 total)-

Plain:____ Sesame:____ Salt:____ Poppy:____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Approximate Time of Pick-Up: _____

Questions? Call Steve Springer at (732) 951-1272

B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

MAKELAH

First and foremost, I would like to thank the Makelah for their overwhelming support of my taking on the position of Music Director. Having conducted the choir for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services last year and experiencing the truly wonderful tones that this very talented group can emit, I was very honored to have been asked to come back this year on a full-time basis. My sincere thanks to you all and I look forward to many wonderful performances in the months to come.

For those of you who were in shul on April 12th attending either Carly Weinreb's Bat Mitzvah (one of my singing stars of Kol Tikvah), Aaron and Mili Rosloff 60th wedding anniversary, or just being good Jews attending Shabbat services, you were treated to a very moving rendition of *Dodi Li* sung by an extended Makelah. In addition to the core group, several past members – as well as Cantor Rockman – joined together to honor the Rosloff's most auspicious anniversary. Not only was it wonderful when countless congregants stopped me to comment on this very moving performance, but also it was rewarding as the conductor to hear such full harmonies and expressive melodies come together. My thanks to the "guest performers" and we hope now that you're back that you'll stay for awhile.

So, with Pesach here (and gone by the time you read this article), it can only mean one thing . . . that we are over the halfway mark back to the High Holidays! The Makelah will soon begin preparing for its participation in the services. As you've seen in Hakol before, there is always an open call for anyone who would like to sing with the group to come down and join us. But now, I'm making this personal: **Uncle Marty Wants You!**

If you are a *closet* soprano, a *cooking-the-dinner-with-the-radio-on* alto, a *shower-stall* tenor, or an *in-the-car* bass, Makelah wants you! If you're a great singer but too shy to perform in front of others, come to a rehearsal and get to know us while there's plenty time to get comfortable before Rosh Hashanah. If you know someone who can sing, please give them a call, send them an email, or contact me and I'll reach out to him or her. We want to keep those full, lush harmonies filling the synagogue from now on.

As many of you know, music is a very important part of my life. In addition to Makelah, I am also the Director of our "house band," *The Sons of Tikvah*, and just a few months ago helped co-found our first kids and teens chorus, *Kol Tikvah*. Music can, and should, be an integrated part of the Jewish experience at B'nai Tikvah. It brings families together at holiday celebrations like Chanukah and Purim. It encourages the raising of our voices to G-D on Shabbat and the High Holidays. It helps us to heal the sick like our recent successful efforts to support Donna Glazer in her hour of need. And it closes the eternal circle

of faith, prayer, G-D and humanity by giving us something to share with each other that comes from the heart, the soul, and the spirit.

So won't you please join Makelah in raising our voices in song and prayer? It's not only good for the soul, but it's also a fun way to spend an evening.

Shalom,
Marty A. Angstreich

TOT SHABBAT UPDATE

3–5 Year Olds: May 10, June 14

5–7 Year Olds 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.

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. Come and join our giggles before the summer.

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



SHABBAT SERVICES ON CD

BRUUUCE!



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

B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

A WORD OF THANKS FROM THE BAT TORAH CLASS OF 2003

According to Webster's dictionary the word teach has many meanings; to cause to know a subject, to guide the studies of, to impart knowledge, to instruct by example, to provide instruction, and a few others.

Rabbi Eligberg, you have been our teacher for 2 ½ years. You have guided us, imparted knowledge and instructed us. However, with all due respect to Mr. or Mrs. Webster, we know there is a bit more to it. You have nourished our souls, given us a connection to our past and a path to our future. Having gone through this journey, we feel more connected to our faith and the rich history of the Jewish people than ever before. Thank you for your wisdom and patience. You challenged us to think harder, deeper, and differently, which brought us to a new level of understanding. Although each of the seven women came to your class for varying reasons, we are all leaving with our lives greatly enriched by the experience.

Cantor Rockman, we greatly appreciate the CD's you prepared for us for our Bat Torah service. They were very well used and enjoyed. We were able to practice the prayers and our Torah portions in the comfort of our cars and homes. Thank you for all of your efforts on our behalf.

Hadas, we are grateful for your willingness and enthusiasm when practicing our Hebrew prayers with us on those days when the Rabbi was unavailable. You eagerly translated the words into English for us, which helped to make the prayers more meaningful. We also appreciated the added bonus of listening to you pronounce the words as they are spoken today in Israel.

As classmates, we really enjoyed sharing this experience together. We learned from each other's questions, thoughts, and ideas. We not only encouraged one another throughout this journey, but we also gave each other the courage and confidence we each needed. We know we will always have a special bond.

*Madeline Gaynor, Cyndi Kleinbart,
Linda Kohn, Sylvia Lewis, Jodi Marcou,
Mae Rubenstein, Teresa Samtur*

COLLEGE COMMITTEE GETS AN A+

The College Committee has completed their mailings for this year. We sent out a Chanukah and Purim packages with items for celebrating and snacking, and a Passover package containing a few necessities of life for this holiday, including a new toothbrush (one of the most overlooked necessary items).

We want to thank: *Raritan Container Company*, who kindly supplied us with cartons for the third year in a row; *the teachers at the Woodrow Wilson Middle School*, in Edison, who were kind enough to buy us boxes of matzah when they did their shopping, and *Marcia Schwartz* who then brought the boxes to us. We got A LOT of matzah, and the extra was given to Jewish Family Services for distribution; *Sir Speedy Printers in the Raritan Center* in Edison for pads of papers that were included with one of our mailings; and *F & S Awning Co.*, in Edison for their donation of Israeli flags.

We hope the rest of the school year goes well for our students. Our congratulations to those who are graduating.

The next
"Summer" issue of
HAKOL
covers
**JUNE, JULY &
AUGUST**

**ALL SUBMISSIONS
FOR THE
SUMMER HAKOL
MUST
BE IN BY MAY 15**

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

Editorial submissions must be in either plain text format, MSWord, Wordperfect, or MSPublisher. Send in an email to: Hakol@bnaitikvah.org. Non-standard fonts or unusual graphics embedded in documents may not import correctly. Please call Paul or Nancy Zankel at 732-254-6465 if you have any questions.

IMAGES AND GRAPHICS:

Digital images: Send only high resolution (300 dpi) jpegs, bmps, or tiff files. **Scannable Images:** High quality black & white scannable images may be left in the synagogue Hakol mail box.

SEND YOUR SUBMISSIONS TO: Hakol@bnaitikvah.org, or put them in the Hakol mailbox in the synagogue office. All submissions are subject to available space and editorial constraints.

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

B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

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

4TH ANNUAL NJ WALK THE WALK FOR ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION

**SUNDAY, MAY 4th
Jenkinsons Boardwalk,
Pt. Pleasant Beach**

**Registration Fee: \$25
Sponsored by the Kidney and Urology
Foundation of America**

We learned first hand, as a Congregation, how powerful we are as we reached the goal to save the life of fellow congregante Donna Glaser. Let's continue the fight for organ donation. Let's continue to save lives! Show your support and participate at the 4th annual Walk the Walk on May 4th. Join us for a great day at the beach, and march for a great cause as well!

CBT will be represented by Eileen Zweig and "THE TEAM." If you cannot walk, please consider a tax deductible donation. *A parent with a child at Churchill JHS in East Brunswick will match all contributions made to THE TEAM, dollar for dollar.* Please make your check out to The Kidney and Urology Foundation of America and put the B'nai Tikvah Team number (S001) on the front of the check.

Donations can be addressed to the Social Action Committee, attn: Eilieen Zweig, or mailed directly to:

Eileen Zweig
PO Box 484
Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852

Donations will be accepted through June 15, 2003

Contact Eileen Zweig at 732 329-9693
email: eileenkz@aol.com.

For more info on "The Walk," or on kidney and urology disease, please reach Carol Brower at the Kidney and Urology Foundation. She may be reached by phone at 732/866-4444, via e-mail at cbrower@kidneyurology.org or by fax at 732/866-8408.

HIRE ATTIRE BOUTIQUE NEEDS YOUR CLOTHES

Hire Attire Boutique collects old clothing that is appropriate for job interviews as well as for work, in good condition, for both men and women. 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.

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

Items needed are:

new back packs	3-ring binders
pens	notebook paper
pencils	1 subject notebooks
crayons	kids scissors
markers	glue sticks
folders	

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 732 821-1395.

SISTERHOOD

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.

Nominating Committee Nominees for Board of Trustees:

- Mitch Frumkin Past President**
- Arie Behar President**
- Danny Greenberg VP Administration
- Harold Schneider VP School and Youth
- Gary Bergman VP Activities
- Cindy Gittleman VP Membership (New Position)
- Marc Dillman Treasurer
- Bobbi Binder Recording Secretary (one year term)

- Jerry Kaminsky Trustee
- Paul Zankel Trustee
- Jeff Cadoff Trustee (one year term)
- Janis Baer Trustee
- Frank Waltzer Trustee (one year term)
- Larry Cohen Trustee (one year term)
- Keith Zimmerman Trustee (one year term)

Returning for 2nd year of 2 year term (not up for vote):

- Mark Sherman VP Ways and Means
- Gary Tinkel Financial Secretary
- Naomi Jackenthal Assistant Treasurer
- Gary Warner Trustee
- Cyndi Kleinbart Trustee
- Harvey Finkelstein Trustee

*PLEASE REFER TO ARTICLE VIII OF BYLAWS, SECTION 1 FOR INDEPENDENT
NOMINATION PROCEDURES AND TIME TABLE.*

THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 16, 2003.

B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

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THINK AHEAD
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GIFTS

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A COMMUNITY LEARNS: "WHEN WAS G-D?"

We are asking the wrong questions about God, says Rabbi Harold Kushner, author of *When Children Ask About God*. Too often in response to tragedy, posits Kushner, we question God's existence with rhetorical questions such as "Where was God, when x happened?" The more spiritually meaningful question, says Kushner is not, "Where was God?" but rather, "When was God?"

"Where is God?" would seem to imply that God is a thing, an object taking up space, whose location, or several simultaneous locations, can be pinpointed... To ask 'when is God?' suggests that God is not an object, but a quality of relationship, a way of feeling and acting, that can be found anywhere, but only if certain things (study, gratitude, self-control, helpfulness, prayer, etc.) are in evidence at that particular moment."

If the proper question is, "When was God?" our recent experience with the struggle and triumph of B'nai Tikvah congregant, Donna Glazer, gives us one answer: the month of March at B'nai Tikvah.

Monday morning, March 10, I walked into work to find Rabbi Eligberg and Hadas standing in front of the copy machine in the midst of a heated discussion. They were too absorbed in conversation to say hello, so I retreated to my computer. Upon checking email, I learned what was causing all the commotion: B'nai Tikvah member Donna Glazer was suffering from "sclerosing cholangitis," a life-threatening degenerative liver disease, and was being denied insurance coverage for the liver transplant that could save her life. To make matters worse, the Mayo Clinic was insisting on \$300,000 up front before they would be willing to put her name on the waiting list for a liver.

A committee made up of friends and family of Donna Glazer had been formed to raise the money. The synagogue office was transformed into a fundraising operation; daily work was put aside. Tzdakah requests to congregants, community leaders, and business owners were written. Rabbi Eligberg spent his "day off" at a clergy meeting, trying to drum up support for Donna. Hadas made phone calls nonstop. Emails were flying. Congregants were writing checks and phoning in ideas.

The turning point came when Dena Sharon, the 11 year-old daughter of Sandy and Yitzhak Sharon, left a message on the Cantor's voicemail. "What if the 'Sons of Tikvah' (who were then rehearsing for Purim) were to give a benefit concert for Donna?" Cantor Rockman ran with the

idea. The "Sons of Tikvah" would do a benefit concert at Anshe Emet Memorial Temple on Sunday, March 23. Cantor Anna West Lot and the Anshe Emet choir would perform as well. Anshe Emet Executive Director Gail Kroop offered to coordinate the logistics.

Now the race was on to start advertising. Cantor Rockman designed a flyer. Webmaster Gary Bergman sent out the word electronically. Newspapers were contacted thanks to CBT public relations expert, Bette Kindman-Koffler. Congregants and Nursery School parents volunteered to stuff envelopes. Hadas rushed the mailing to the post office. On the community front, Mindy Angstreich got busy soliciting local business owners. Dunkin Donuts, Bagel Time Café and, Bagel World donated food to be sold on the day of the concert. USY members, backed by Adrienne and Andy Ross, Maxine Kasdin, Miriam Gordon, and Marc and Gale Dillman, carried out the sales.

The concert, *Songs to Save a Soul*, was a huge success. Three hundred tickets were sold, raising \$7,000 and another \$1,000 was raised in donut/bagel sales. Including generous donations by congregational sponsors of the concert, the day raised approximately \$10,000 for Donna. At the Sunday concert, the good news was announced: the nationwide Donna Glazer Appeal had raised \$500,000; Donna would be put at the top of the list for a liver! The emphasis in the concert turned from fundraising to celebrating.

The following Tuesday, Donna received a beeper from the Mayo Clinic so that she would be notified as soon as a liver became available. On Thursday, she went into surgery. Twelve days later, she was out of the hospital with a functioning liver and a whole lot of hope.

So exactly when did God show up to make this miracle happen? I imagine that it was sometime between one email coming in and a phone call going out. Maybe in the moment that a concert flyer was being stuffed inside an envelope. Or maybe in the bustle of the countless congregants—too numerous to mention—who offered their skills, money, and compassion.

Miriam Libove-Goldfarb
Clergy Assistant

FIFTY PLUS CLUB

The Fifty Plus Group will meet on *Tuesday, May 27, at 1 p.m.* in the Social Hall of the Synagogue. Our program will include entertainment by the Franklin Hi-Steppers. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served. Reservations are being taken for a day trip to the Historic House and Gardens in Morristown on Thursday, June 19. We will be leaving B'nai Tikvah at 9:45 a.m. and return approximately 4 p.m. Cost for the day is \$35.00. Bring your own lunch and drinks. As usual, we will be meeting throughout the summer. Come to the meeting and hear about our future plans.



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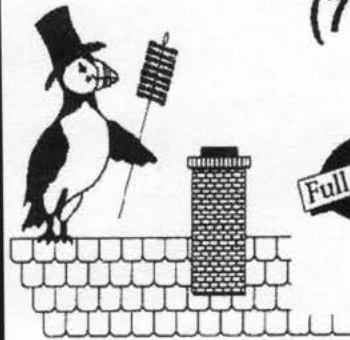
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