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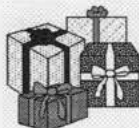


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"Who, What, When,
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Tuesday, November 11



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

Sunday, November 16



SISTERHOOD'S ANNUAL CHANUKAH BAZAAR
Sunday, November 23

Community Thanksgiving Service Sunday, November 23

A THANKSGIVING FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Service 7:00 PM



Six Mile Run Reformed Church
Rev. David Risseuw
3037 Route 27, Franklin Park
(Between Finnegans Lane & Henderson Road)

Gather with friends and neighbors
of all faiths for
an inspiring expression of
communal thanksgiving.

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RABBI ELIGBERG LEADS

It's What's Inside That Counts

Dear Friends,

Several weeks ago you may have noticed, as I did, an article in the Star Ledger about mezuzot. The article described the importance of having a kosher (proper) mezuzah affixed to the doorpost of one's house in fulfillment of the divine precept expressed in the Torah. The verse, "And you shall write them upon the doorposts of your house" is familiar to us from the end of the first paragraph of the Sh'ma.

Our sages of blessed memory understood this verse to mean the familiar mezuzah that adorns Jewish homes. The case, whether simple or ornate, houses a parchment scroll containing the passages in the Torah which refer to this commandment. It is this parchment which is the essential element in the fulfillment of the divine obligation.

The author of the article goes on to describe some of the challenges to acquiring and owning a kosher mezuzah. Some mezuzot are sold with the requisite texts printed on paper instead of written by hand on parchment. In some cases the writing is so poor that it must be declared illegible and therefore, unfit as a parchment for a mezuzah. Over time, moisture, heat and cold can have an adverse effect on the parchment and the ink used in writing upon it. The letters can crack, flake off, fade or become in some other way unreadable. This is why it is customary to have one's mezuzot checked periodically.

The article went on to suggest that having an improper mezuzah affixed to one's home could result in misfortune finding its way into that home. Implicit here, is the idea that a proper mezuzah is some sort of talisman that can protect us from life's difficulties, and the challenges we face daily as Jews.

While I am a firm believer in having kosher mezuzot affixed in one's home, I cannot accept the linkage created by those cited in the Star Ledger article. Having a proper parchment is essential to the fulfillment of this mitzvah. Checking that parchment periodically to be sure it is still kosher shows that we are serious about the mitzvah we are performing; that we both start out correctly and stay that way. Bringing our mezuzot to a competent scribe for checking helps us realize and remember that it's what's inside that counts. Affixing a mezuzah to the doorpost of our homes is also a powerful statement of identity; a proclamation that this is a Jewish home.

A mezuzah can do all those things for us but it is not some sort of amulet against the realities and vagaries of human existence. Paying close attention to the mezuzah can teach us about what can help us navigate the difficult moments in our lives.

The part of the mezuzah that we see is merely the façade; the essence and substance lie within. So must it be with the homes to which we affix our mezuzot. A mezuzah on our doorposts should be an indicator that beyond this portal is a home filled with Jewish life; where there is a serious commitment to the values and teaching of our tradition, A

mezuzah should mark the entryway to a home in which substantive Jewish commitments are embraced; where the rhythm of the household is governed by Shabbat and Festivals; where the flavor of life smacks of an adherence to the laws of Kashrut; where the sound of Torah study is not drowned out by the din of distractions.

When we are as careful and vigilant about what we put inside our homes as we are about the contents of the mezuzah on our homes, then we are giving ourselves the strength and resources to face life's challenges. What we put inside our mezuzot counts for a lot. What we put into our homes and lives as Jews counts for a great deal more.

Our teachers actually devised a simple test for this. One is to ask a child who can read Hebrew to read the text. If they can do so, then the parchment is a kosher one. Several years ago, I used students in our Religious School to help me decide about the kashrut of the parchments our gift shop had received.

Jodi and I have mezuzot all over our home including "doorways" that do not require a mezuzah. Those we've affixed without reciting the blessing for putting up a mezuzah. Jodi is the inveterate mezuzah kisser in our family and I think Sarah and Yonatan are following their mother's example. A mezuzah custom that we practice together is raising the mezuzot on our children's doors each year on their birthday. Raising the mezuzah by the number of inches they have grown during the previous year, allows marking their growth both physically and spiritually.

May we all fill our homes with authentic Jewish experiences so that we may be blessed by the riches they bring into our lives.

*With blessings,
Rabbi David M. Eligberg*

SCHEDULE OF DAILY SERVICES

Sunday	9:00 AM	Shahareet	7:30 PM	Mincha/Maari v
Monday			7:30 PM	Mincha/Maariv
Tuesday			7:30 PM	Mincha/Maariv
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

RABBI ELIGBERG LEADS "Words That Leave The Heart Enter The Heart"

Tishre, 5764
October 20, 2003

Dear Friends,

In the days following Yom Kippur several members of the congregation were kind enough to ask for a text of the sermon which I delivered at Kol Nidre. That evening I spoke from an outline and notes that do not seem to translate well into a formal written text. Perhaps, it is a reflection of the teaching of our sages that "words that leave the heart enter the heart" that bonded us together in a way that sitting alone and writing cannot hope to capture. Perhaps, it was the reality of that moment - of gathering together to begin Yom Kippur even as the echoes of the previous days bombing still reverberated through the Jewish world.

At that moment, we prayed to be inscribed and sealed in the Book of Life even as we wept for those whose pages had been brutally torn out by murderous terrorists. We cried for the nineteen killed in Haifa, for the two hundred and fifty-six innocents murdered since last Yom Kippur, for the nine hundred murdered in the last three years. We cried for the over five thousand injured, many seriously. We cried for families torn asunder by the violence - a bride on the eve of her wedding, a grandmother and grandchild sharing ice cream. We cried for whole families obliterated while sitting together in celebration of a festival.

Through the haze of tears, however, we also saw clearly certain fundamental truths. First and foremost, that peace between Israel and the Palestinians will remain unattainable because too many Palestinians still hold onto a vision of the Middle East in which Israel simply does not exist. Yasser Arafat, long ago, showed himself to be in this camp by his outright rejection of Ehud Barak's offer in Wye. For Arafat and too many others, all of Palestine, does not mean the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem but Haifa, Tel Aviv and all of Jerusalem!

The second fundamental truth is that Israel has the unquestionable right to act in defense of its citizenry. Israel cannot rely on others to protect its borders or its populace - not the United States, not the United Nations and certainly not the Palestinian Authority.

The third fundamental truth is that Israel needs us to stand with her. We need to stand together in support of Israel, as we did at the Israel Inspires Rally at Rutgers University.

We need to educate ourselves about the facts of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict so that we can combat the myth, and misrepresentations, the lies and falsehoods that pervade the media and the discussion of the Middle East. Read Alan Dershowitz's new book, *The Case for Israel*, to educate yourself. Buy one for a Jewish friend, and buy one for a non-Jewish friend and help educate them to the truth. With our knowledge we can become powerful advocates for Israel.

We must stand with Israel not just with our words. We have to support Israel financially. We can help build Israel through our purchase of Israel Bonds, through our pledge to Federation, through our generosity to institutions of the Conservative Movement in Israel and through donations to Israeli organizations that help the victims of terror and their families. We can support Israel's economy by buying Israeli products at every opportunity.

Not only must we stand with Israel, we must stand in Israel. We must travel to Israel and show our Israeli brothers and sisters that we are there to support them; to be with them in difficult times. Rabbi Shlomo Riskin recently wrote, "If Israel is Disneyland, you visit when the weather is good. If Israel is mishpocha, you visit when we need you." Israel needs us now.

God willing, later this month, I will be in Israel for the General Assembly and the UJC Rabbinic Cabinet. I plan on using a portion of my brief visit to gather information for a B'nai Tikvah mission to Israel.

I look forward to visiting our mishpocha in Israel together. In the interim let us use all the means at our disposal to show them our support.

*With blessings,
Rabbi David M. Eligberg*

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OUR HAZZAN'S VOICE

"I'm OK and So Are You"

We have just completed the High Holy Days, and our national holiday, Thanksgiving is almost here, wow how time flies! To put this all into perspective, On Rosh Hashanah we repent and await God's judgment. As we learn from the Machzor, through prayer, repentance and doing acts of loving kindness, we are hopeful that when Yom Kippur ends, that the Lord will judge us favorably. Simple so far, this is a straightforward prescription for a sweet and fulfilling life, one that should be easy to follow. Thanksgiving, like Sukkot, our Jewish thanksgiving, represent our appreciation of our bounty from God.

Really, without being too simplistic, I think being a good Jew and a contributing member to our world can be summed up in this little equation that is at the core of our High Holy Days services.

Of course, one must do more than simply pray diligently, repent during synagogue services and put money in the tzedaka box. It is the manner in which we live this statement, that we can feel more secure in our daily lives. To be truly successful, it is ideal to make this model your way of life.

We are all part of the Conservative movement of Judaism. It is not always easy to define Conservative Judaism. We have, as families and individuals, chosen to be part this movement as opposed to another? Many, who consider themselves Conservative Jews, are not particularly observant of most mitzvot, as defined by the movement. Would it not be more convenient to affiliate with a less traditional movement and not feel guilty when you don't live up to expectations? How about those members who are more traditional, and would like the synagogue to reflect this influence? Many see that our brand of Judaism as middle of the road. Based on convenience, we choose some from the other movements to create our own brand. This is not totally untrue in our personal choices and the reality of our movement.

Based firmly on Halacha, traditional Jewish law and practices, the movement, its leadership and us as individuals have all endeavored to balance tradition with modernity. This may be why we feel comfortable as part of this movement. We find comfort and cleave to the traditions we observed in the homes of our parents and grandparents. We are able to maintain our traditional values and rituals of our rich heritage, while balancing our modern realities. Though it is difficult to find this balance, it is for this reason that most of us feel most comfortable as Conservative Jews. Perfect, not even close. But is it the best choice for us? Most would have to say that is true.

Can we be everything to every one? At B'nai Tikvah we try. We try to have something for everyone, maybe not quite enough. I would like to know what we could offer you to fulfill your spiritual needs. How can I encourage you, and make the words "prayer, repentance and tzedaka" more meaningful and more accessible? Please let me know.

The music programs that we present through the year are one such method. I am also available to talk and search with you individually. I'm sure there are other ways that you can help me discover. I am looking forward to your call or email so we can continue to grow together.

*Worship the Lord in gladness;
come before God with joyous song.
B'simcha, with joy,
Cantor Bruce Rockman*

Cantor Rockman's Great Hanukkah Gift Ideas

To order, you can call Cantor Rockman at the synagogue (732-297-0696) or e-mail him at Cantor.@BnaiTikvah.org.

The Or Hadash Prayer Book is a joint project of The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the Rabbinical Assembly features material from classical and contemporary sources, explanations of the history, structure and meaning of prayers and more. \$45

Personal Edition of Siddur Sim Shalom (the prayer book used at B'nai Tikvah) size The ideal prayer book for travel as well as personal use. \$18



The new Etz Hayim Chumash is the new standard of the Conservative movement. Edited by David Lieber, Chaim Potok and Harold Kushner, this new translation provides an easy-to-understand contemporary English text, separate parshat and derash commentary themes and fresh insights by Conservative rabbis and scholars. \$54.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Arie Behar, President: An Excerpt From My Yom Kippur Speech

I will never forget my first Yom Kippur in America. It was a regular week-day and I woke up to the sound of a garbage truck loudly grinding garbage. Having grown up in Israel, it was the first time in my life that I had ever heard a car or a truck on Yom Kippur. With the exception of the war in 1973, I had never seen or heard a vehicle driving on this most sacred of days. At that moment I realized that, being an Israeli, I took being Jewish for granted. Where I grew up, almost everyone was Jewish.

In Israel I didn't work at being Jewish, I was one among millions. Only on my first Yom Kippur here in America did I realize that to be Jewish in America requires a huge commitment. It takes work, a conscious effort. Judaism in America is not, in the air all around us. We don't live in towns mentioned in the Bible. We don't shop on streets named after Jewish poets and thinkers. Our money is not stamped with pictures of Jewish leaders. If I wanted my 2 daughters being raised in America to remain Jewish, I, myself, would have to invest in being Jewish. Sometimes it's a struggle, sometimes a compromise. But it must be, a daily commitment. My actions and my attitude toward Judaism would determine the fate of my children's future and ensure that they remained committed to being Jewish.

We can not and should not take the responsibility of being Jewish too lightly. Our history is full of bloody stories of our ancestors who have died to remain Jewish. We must pass this responsibility on to our children and to our children's children.

As a soldier in the Israeli army I witnessed some of my dearest friends getting killed and many others wounded, including myself. Almost every household in Israel, my own among them, has suffered the loss of one or more of its family members. We, here in America, have the obligation to make certain that this loss, this sacrifice, is not wasted. These young men and women have given their lives not just for the future of Israel but also for the future of the Jewish community around the world. Their sacrifice is ultimately for the right of Jews to remain Jews, either in Israel or abroad.

The strength of our community and all the Jewish communities in North America will determine the future of Israel. If our community continues to flourish, to be involved and committed, then we will have the power to demand of our politicians that they make the right decisions in support of Israel.

Make no mistake: the fate of the State of Israel and the fate of the Jewish community in America are tied to each other. One will not survive without the other. We in America can not and should not assume that the sacrifice that our brothers and sisters in Israel are making daily to maintain and defend the Jewish state should be the responsibility of the Israelis only. This obligation must, and should, be shared by every Jew, no matter his or her address.

In America we do not see buses and cafes blown up and shopping malls shattered. Could this terror happen in

America? I hope and pray that it does not, because if it does the first to be blamed will be the Jews. As we saw after September 11, plenty of fingers were pointed at the Jewish community, and we heard plenty of whispered implications. Many people rushed to say that if America would only stop protecting and supporting the Jewish state, we will not be attacked by terrorists again. Obviously these kinds of comments are without merit, but you will find plenty of people who express these thoughts.

We, the Jewish community in America, must invest in ourselves and gain the political power to help our brothers and sisters in Israel. It all starts with a small step that each one of you should take in creating a bigger and better Jewish home in B'nai Tikvah.

David Ben Gurion, Israel's First Prime Minister, frequently quoted Hillel: Eem en ani li me li which means in English 'If I would not do that for myself, no one will do it for me.' He went on to say that the strength of the Jewish people, and their ability to survive, will come from their knowledge of history and from their willingness to help and support each other. This is still very true today.

Our future as Jews depends on our strength - we must be united and strong. We have to be aware and informed, but first of all we must be committed. Committed to the State of Israel and committed to our Jewish community. This commitment must be financial, as a necessary first step, but it goes beyond dollars. We all should make small steps to get involved here in our home, to come to our Jewish Community Center more often. Whether it is to play, to pray or to learn, we must commit ourselves to coming to this building.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

Come take a look, D.E.A.R.*

*Drop everything and read!

MEET AUTHOR FRAN MANUSHKIN

Sunday, November 16

Sunday, 11/16 and
Sunday, 11/23
9:00 am - 12:05 pm

Monday, 11/17 thru
Thursday, 11/20 and
Monday and Tuesday,
11/24 & 11/25
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm



A MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

Cindy Gittleman, V.P. Membership

B'NAI MITZVAH

NEW MEMBERS



We warmly welcome the following new members to the B'nai Tikvah Community:

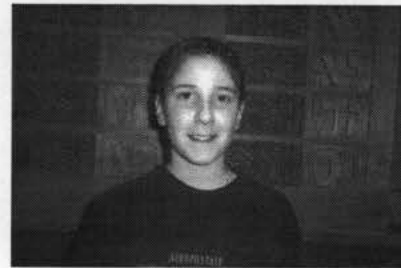
Greg Shugar

Azzan and Nirit Vadim and Family



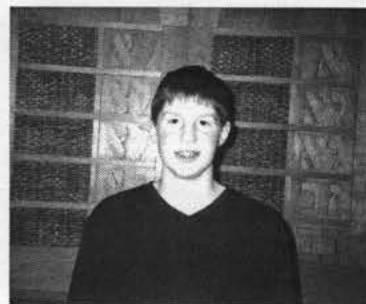
Craig Dicket
November 1, 2003

Son of
Steven and Leslie
Dickert



Dillon Diatlo
November 8

Son of
Richard and Michelle Diatlo



Matthew Keller
November 22, 2003

Son of Susan Keller

SPEED MEET 'N GREET

Wednesday, November 19

Your passport into the
"Who, What, When, Where, and How"
at B'nai Tikvah!

A fun and upbeat way that both new and current members can meet and chat individually with chairpersons of different committees. Members will share with each other the goals and activities of the committees and identify the many ways to become involved in CBT.



Adult Education, B'nai Mitzvah Mentors, Board of Directors, Book Club, Fifty Plus Club, Fundraising, Israel Bonds, Men's Club, Music Programs, Programming, Religious Activities, Religious School, Social Action, Youth Groups—just to name a few!

Our hope is to help all members make a personal connection to the synagogue and find their way to "owning" B'nai Tikvah as their Jewish home.

Come share your ideas and experiences. Let us make you feel more comfortable about getting involved.

For All Members, New and "Not So New"

The Fourth Annual Rutgers / New Jersey Jewish Film Festival

November 6–16, 2003

The Regal Cinema, North Brunswick, New Jersey

MONSIEUR BATIGNOLE During WWII in Nazi-occupied France a Parisian butcher inadvertently takes part in the deportation of his Jewish neighbor's family. **Thursday, Nov. 6 @ 6:30, Tuesday, Nov. 11 @ 2:00 pm**

A TRUMPET IN THE WADI A sensitive love story between Huda, a Christian Arab woman from Haifa and her upstairs neighbor, Alex, a new Jewish immigrant from Russia. The story is told from the point of view of Huda's family. **Sunday, Nov. 9 @ 4:30 pm, Sunday, Nov. 16 @ 7:00**

STRANGE FRUIT Strange Fruit explores the history and legacy of one of the most important American protest songs ever written, best known by a 1939 Billie Holiday rendition. The words and music were actually written by Abel Meeropol, a Jewish school teacher and union activist from the Bronx. In person: Director Joel Katz. **Tuesday, Nov. 11 @ 7:00 pm.**

NOBODY'S BUSINESS A poignant and graceful study of family history and memory. Since it's premiere in 1996 this film has won twelve international awards and prizes. In person: Director Alan Berliner. **Nov. 13 @ 7:30 pm**

EXODUS 1947 Through archival footage and interviews with surviving American crew members and passengers, this documentary brings to life the dangerous voyage of the ship that tried to bring Holocaust survivors to Palestine. **Thursday, Nov. 13 @ 5:00 pm, Sunday, Nov. 16 @ 1:00**

EXODUS Classic Hollywood epic adapted from Leon Uris' best-selling novel. Shot on location in Israel, this film stars Paul Newman. **Sunday, Nov. 9 @ 12:00 pm.**

GLOOMY SUNDAY Set in Budapest, this is the love story between a successful Jewish restaurant owner and his beautiful assistant, Ilona, becomes complicated when a German patron of their restaurant, also in love with Ilona, returns as a Nazi officer. **Sunday, Nov. 9 @ 7:30 pm, Thursday, Nov. 13 @ 2:00 pm.**

NOWHERE IN AFRICA The extraordinary true tale of a Jewish family that flees the Nazi regime in 1938 for a remote farm in Kenya. **Sunday, Nov. 9 @ 3:30 pm.**

TICKETS: May be purchased in person at the Bildner Center, 12 College Ave., New Brunswick (Monday–Thursday 9–5, Friday 9–2). Tickets may also be purchased beginning two days prior to each film at the Regal Cinema box office.

For more information contact:

Darcy Maher at 732-932-4166, Regal Cinemas at 732-940-8361. E-mail rujff@rci.rutgers.edu or visit our website at: <http://jewishstudies.rutgers.edu>

ADULT EDUCATION

"ISRAEL IN THE MEDIA:

What's the truth?

Where to find it? How to tell it?

Who needs to hear it?



Wednesday Nights

November 5 and November 12

December 3 and December 10

"Israel in the Media" will be the topic of Rabbi Eligberg's 4-week adult education series on Wednesday nights, November 5 and November 12, December 3 and December 10, at 7:30 p.m.

The classes will focus on how to read the media with a critical eye, how to respond appropriately, and how to act as an advocate for Israel. All classes are free of charge and open to the public, however pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Please RSVP the synagogue office at 732-297-0696 if you would like to attend.

Monthly Scrapbooking Class Begins Thursday, November 13 7:00 pm –10:00 pm



Scrapbook with B'nai Tikvah each month! Whether you are experienced or new to album making, come enjoy turning your photos and memorabilia into keepsake albums.

This is a fun and meaningful night out so bring your friends! Stay for all or part of the scheduled time period. RSVP Required: Contact Jodi Marcou 732/422-6628 (not the synagogue office).

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS

A Treasure Chest of Jewish Books

Ann Kanarek, Director

NOVEMBER IS JEWISH BOOK MONTH

Jewish books are essential to our people's survival. They are the repositories of our philosophies and beliefs. Through our books we learn about our history, heroes, and enemies, and about the evolution of our religion, culture, and language.

Our students learn that there are many important books about Jews and the Jewish religion. Each book has a special story or lesson to teach. Our children are not only learning from the books but understand that they are a part of everyday Jewish life.

Some of our books help us to celebrate holidays and other special occasions while others are full of interesting stories, ideas and concepts. For example, the Megillot are five scrolls, each read on a different holiday during the year. The Book of Jonah is read on Yom Kippur --it is the story of a man chosen by God to deliver a message. Through many adventures, Jonah realizes that a person cannot run away from God. The Book of Kohelet is read on Sukkot --it is the search for the answer to an ever-burning question...what is the meaning of life? The Book of Esther is read on Purim --it is the story of a woman's courage and determination to save her people. The Book of Ruth is read on Shavuot --it is the story of a woman's choice to convert to Judaism and her dedication and commitment to her new family. And The Book of Lamentations is read on Tisha B'Av --it is a series of sad and heartrending readings.

These books along with the Torah, Talmud, Tanakh and Haggadah are filled with explanations, lessons and guidelines. Our Jewish books have something for everyone. So come inside the treasure chest of Jewish books and have fun reading and learning about life, love, customs, history, identity and family.

The aim of Jewish book month is to popularize books on Jewish subjects among our adults, youth and children. There is an ever-growing library of Jewish books of juvenile interest available. Visit our book fair and check out the variety of Judaic reading material and an at the same time help to support our school.

MEET AUTHOR FRAN MANUSHKIN

We are delighted to be able to bring **Fran Manushkin** to our school on **Sunday, November 16**. She is an award winning author and has created stories that are inspirational and thought provoking. Among her many titles are: *Baby, Come Out!*; *Come Let us be Joyful: The Story of Hava Nagila*; *Daughters of Fire: Heroines of the Bible*; *Hooray for Hanukkah*; *Latkes and Applesauce*; *Miriam's Cup: A Passover Story*; *The Matzah that Papa Brought Home*; and *Sophie and the Shofar*.

As a writer, she has been inspired by a variety of things like: "cocker spaniels, potato pancakes, Passover seders, refrigerator magnets, biblical heroines, song writers, my mother making blintzes, button-collecting, a yearning to fly, and being tickled!" Ms. Manushkin says that she doesn't get ideas--they get her!

Everyone is invited to meet Fran Manushkin and spend the morning with her as we kick off Jewish Book Month with her visit. Ms. Manushkin's books are available for purchase now and again during the book fair.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REMINDERS NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2003

- Sun., 11/2:** CHAI SCHOOL SPECIAL PROGRAM
10 am—12:05 pm. Holocaust survivor Ernest Mathias presents "The Last Refuge," the story of the Jewish exodus to Shanghai, China.
- Thurs., 11/6:** No Religious School, NJEA Convention
- Sun., 11/9:** No Religious School, NJEA Convention
- Fri., 11/14:** ALEF NAMING DINNER, 6:30PM,
SERVICE, 8:00PM
- Sun., 11/16:** JEWISH BOOK MONTH;
author Fran Manushkin visits
JEWISH BOOK FAIR BEGINS
CHAI SCHOOL special gleaning trip,
10 am—12:05 pm
- Wed., 11/26-**
Sun., 11/30: No Religious School,
Thanksgiving weekend
- Sun., 12/7:** C.A.F.E (Cultural Arts for Enrichment) for
GIMEL Class Program: Creating Chamsas
- Sun., 12/14:** Hei class PACT program: Tallit making
with guest artist, Barbara Stoner
- Sun., 12/19:** Chanukah Shabbat program
Nursery - 2nd grade, 4:00pm



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NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Fran Pearson, Director

It's Coming...Nursery School's Holiday Gift Bazaar

Show Date: Tuesday, November 11, 2003

Show Time: 6:00pm-10:00pm



*You'll find your holiday gifts
in one convenient place including:
personalized gifts - stationery - sports
children's clothing - women's apparel
books - jewelry - cosmetics - toys - novelty items*



And names you can trust:

*B'nai Tikvah's Gift Shop - Discovery Toys
Tupperware - Pampered Chef
Longaberger Baskets - Scrap in a Snap -
American Girl - Indulge Costumer Jewelry Design
J-Jill Sweaters*

*Please support our school as you enjoy our
"One-stop shopping at the holiday Gift Bazaar"*



NURSERY SCHOOL CALENDAR—NOVEMBER 2003

Mon. 11/3

Thurs. 11/6 & Fri. 11/7

Tues. 11/11

Fri. 11/14

Mon. 11/24

Thurs. 11/27 & Fri. 11/28

Live Reptile Show

SCHOOL CLOSED—NJEA Convention (Staff will attend "New Directions
in Early Childhood" Seminar)

Holiday Gift Bazaar Fundraiser

Picture Day

Mommy & Me Program Registration

NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving

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USY's annual food drive was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who brought in food, to help feed needy families for this year. At LTI, our board members learned a lot on how to run our chapter. Saturday night, we had a bowl-a-thon and everyone raised a lot of money. The board members for 2003-2004 are:

Hannah Ehrlich	Co-President
Rafi Glazer	Co-President
Noah Levin	Israel Affairs VP
Elyse Ross	Religious/Education VP
Sam Rudin	SA/TO VP
Sari Kaufman	Membership/Programming VP
Ilana Katronetsky	Communications VP
Gary Marx	Secretary
Jason Marx	Co-Freshman Rep
Rebecca Spigner	Co-Freshman Rep

Having the Café Karaoke with our zone was a great idea. We saw friends from East Brunswick, East Windsor, Old Bridge, and many other chapters. Over the High Holy Days, Hannah Ehrlich and Rafi Glazer gave wonderful speeches to the congregation. Congratulations to all USYers who had honors over the High Holy Day services.

*B'ahava
Ilana Katronetsky*

USY NOVEMBER CALENDAR

November 3	USY Proclamation
November 8	USY Service
November 9-15	USY Awareness Week
November 10	Memory Lane Night
November 13	Linus and Movie Night
November 21-23	Fall Convention
November 24	Board Game Night

**USY Convention is coming to
Congregation B'nai Tikvah !!!**



KADIMA

Kadima@bnaitikvah.org

Adam Sackett, Advisor
908-284-1741 * adamds73@aol.com

The 2003-2004 Kadima year has kicked off in a grand way. We had a sweet time at our first event an Ice Cream Social on September 14 at the Synagogue, despite some gloomy skies. We then golfed, batted, arcaded, the night away on September 25 at Grand Slam in South Brunswick. Over 20 Kadimanick attended both events to kick off our year. So far we have 38 members in Kadima, and want more!

It's not too late to enroll in Kadima. We need you to become a member and join our fun. Our group goal is to become become the biggest and best chapter around. Contact Adam.

KADIMA NOVEMBER CALENDAR

November 2, 2:30- 5:00 pm

Roller-Rama- The opening regional Kadima program for the year is at United Skates of America in Woodbridge. An afternoon of skating, schmoozing, and snacking. Cost:\$10.00, includes skate rental and admission, or you may bring your own skates. RSVP to Adam.

November 13, 7:00 pm

Chinese Food and Movie Night

November 14-15

Kadima Shabbaton and Dance. A Kadima Shabbaton will be held at Congregation Beth Israel in Scotch Plains. The cost is \$67 and includes meals and entrance to the dance, which will be held Saturday night. The region won't be providing transportation. Pick up is Saturday night at 11pm. Anyone interested must complete an application and return to Adam. Chapter dues must be paid to attend.

November 23

Laser Tag - Time and Place to be announced



TORAH READERS' CLUB

For Students in Grades 5 & 6
(Gimel/Dalet)!

The Club meets Saturday mornings 10:00-10:30 am (before Jr. Congregation Family Service) in the school wing at B'nai Tikvah. Members are required to know the *Aleph-bet* and have basic Hebrew reading ability.

Questions? Call Larry Cohen 732-821-4376,
larry.cohen@bnaitikvah.org

HAKOL

**ALL SUBMISSIONS
FOR THE DECEMBER
HAKOL MUST BE IN BY
NOVEMBER 15**

SUBMISSIONS: Submissions about Congregation events, issues, group activities, and other material relevant to the local Jewish community are welcomed.

TEXT: We suggest that editorial submissions be submitted in plain text format, with no formatting, tabs, columns or fonts. Just type an e-mail, OR attach a file in one of the following formats: MSWord, Wordperfect, or MSPublisher, attached to an email. Graphics should be submitted separately. Do not submit graphics inside other files or documents.

No order forms, please. Contact the editors for info on distributing order forms with the HaKol mailing.

IMAGES & GRAPHICS: Digital images: Send high resolution (300 dpi) jpeg, bmp, or tiff files. Scannable Images: For good results, submit 300dpi (minimum) black and white graphics printed on glossy paper in hi-res or photo mode. For bad results: Print ink jet regular mode on copy paper.

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. Please call Paul or Nancy Zankel at 732-254-6465 if you have any questions.

ADVERTISING INFO:
Contact Tammy Zimmerman
732-398-1420

B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

**Community Thanksgiving Service
Sunday, November 23**

**A THANKSGIVING FOR
RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**

7:00 PM Service

**Six Mile Run Reformed Church
Rev. David Risseeuw
3037 Route 27, Franklin Park
(Between Finnegans Lane & Henderson Road)**



**Rabbi Eligberg and Imman Hamad Chebli
will offer special prayers for the
Israel-Palestine struggle.**

Featured speakers include our own Judy Roller.

Performances by:

**The Sons of Tikvah
Makehla
George's Road Baptist Choir
Evangelical United Bretheren African Choir
South Brunswick Christian Fellowship Dance Team**

**Gather with friends and neighbors of all faiths
for an inspiring expression of
communal thanksgiving.**

**Everyone is encouraged to bring non-perishable items
for the food bank**

Sponsored by South Brunswick Area Clergy Association

B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

MEN'S CLUB IS PROUD TO HOST GEORGE RISHA

Arabic Interpreter for the
United States Air Force Intelligence Organization

November 9, 2003

10am minyan

\$3 per person-Breakfast served

George Risha (a Civil Engineer by trade) is a resident of Kendall Park. He recently returned from Iraq, where he served for four (4) months as an Arabic interpreter for the United States Air Force intelligence organization.

Mr. Risha was raised in Lebanon and spent many years working for major construction companies in the Arabian peninsula. Come enjoy and learn as Mr. Risha gives us first hand incites, both verbal and visual (using a multimedia presentation) into his exciting and sometimes dangerous experiences in Iraq. This presentation should not be missed.

Our traditional unlimited bagels and lox, etc breakfast will be served. *The Men's Club thanks Aaron Rosloff for arranging this presentation.*

THANKS SO MUCH

A special thank you to the following adults and children who assisted Men's Club with the construction of building the Sukkah:

Brittany Altman	Jerry Edley	Matthew Katz
Brooke Altman	Norm Feinstein	Melissa Katz
Rich Altman	Al Garten	Steve Katz
Tatum Altman	Dan Greenberg	Rees Klemish
Sonia Amanik	Josh Greenberg	Rick Raia
Joel Aschultz	Kira Greenberg	Barry Safeer
Gary Bergman	Ed Hirsch	Joshua Safeer
Marc Binder	Fred Jacobs	Sarah Safeer
Marc Katronetsky	Jonathan Jacobs	Frank Waltzer
Steve Birch	Allan Katronetsky	Ed Birch

The construction took one hour less than last year. The structure immediately received the blessing of Rabbi Eligberg and Cantor Rockman. The high-light of the morning was Gary Bergman did not lose any tools this year. Special thank you to Norm Feinstein, Rich Altman and Frank Waltzer for their work on the high ladders to complete the roof structure. The event was coordinated by Marc Binder and Gary Bergman, both interpreted the plans and supervised our construction crew.



SISTERHOOD

PAID UP MEMBERSHIP DINNER

Thursday, November 6, 2003

6:30pm - Dinner and Entertainment

Pay your Sisterhood dues and join us for a fun evening. The Social Acton Committee would like you to bring nail polish, emery boards, etc. for the needy.

Sisterhood has an alternative to Monday Night Football! Sisterhood's alternative to Monday night football is a big Tupperware Party! This fundraiser will be on November 17 (yep, Monday) at CBT. Come for minyan at 7:30PM and stay for a fun-filled evening. There will be many new and original items available that evening. Replenish your stock of Tupperware, and support Sisterhood at the same time! Members and non-members are welcomed. Refreshments will be served!! For additional info contact Linda Feinstein at (732) 329-3185.

Mah Jongg Players - Buy your Mah Jongg cards from Fern Katronetsky. See the order form in this issue of Hakol or call Fern, (732) 422-4231.

It seems we just enjoyed flowers for the High Holy Days. But **Thanksgiving is on the way and it's time for more flowers!** Your holiday table will look even more gorgeous with a centerpiece ordered from Sisterhood. Place your orders with Gale Dillman, (732) 821-7392.

SAVE THE DATE !!! Sunday, February 8, 2004 Sisterhood is proud to announce our first **Children's Fashion Show** featuring our own tykes and toddlers. Come and watch Congregation B'nai Tikvah's future generation model fashions and accessories from Nordstrom's of Menlo Park. Child models and adult volunteers wanted. Contact Lynn Biderman, Chairperson, at (732) 297-6691 or Linda Feinstein for further information.

Remember you can **"Take Congregation B'nai Tikvah to the Cleaners!"** Each time you have your garments cleaned at either Gallery Cleaners (Rt. 27 North Brunswick) or by Pressed4Time (mobile dry cleaner), Sisterhood earns 10% of your total bill(s). Contact Shelley Talmud at (732) 613-4456 regarding Gallery Cleaners and Linda Feinstein at (732) 329-3185 about Pressed4Time.

**DON'T MISS THE ANNUAL
SISTERHOOD BAZAAR!
NOVEMBER 23 - SEE PAGE 17**

B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

ACTING FOR THE STAGE THEATRE NIGHT - NOVEMBER 20



FUN, GAMES, and IMPROV! an acting class for the non-actor, beginning actor, performers who would like to improve their skills, or just to see what acting is like. Actress Mandy Linden provides a fun and entertaining evening on the techniques of stage acting. Audience participation is optional but encouraged. Let her bring out the "performer" in you.

Tickets \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Synagogue membership is not required. Bring your friends! Refreshments will be served. To reserve your tickets in advance, send a check to the office payable to B'nai Tikvah, attn: "Theater Night" on the check and the envelope.

CBT ARCHIVES/HISTORICAL COMMITTEE WANTS YOUR "STUFF"

We want your synagogue "scraps." All the pictures, papers, brochures, fliers, stubs, badges, etc., that you squirreled away and forgot to discard—we want them. These items make up the history of our congregation and this committee's mission is to preserve the mementos that give a picture of the vitality of CBT.

We want future generations to know who we were, what we did, and how we did it—then and now.

Bring all your goodies to the synagogue office marked "Attention : Ann Rosenzweig." Mark anything you want back 'to be returned' - and we will copy and return the material. Thinking twice about offering a duplicate of something the committee might already have? Let the committee decide. You might have a better copy than one the committee already has.

If you have any questions, need something picked up, or have the desire to help on this committee, call Ann Rosenzweig at 732-249-9141.

ARE YOU UP-TO-DATE?

Does the synagogue office have your e-mail address? If you're not getting our messages, please notify webmaster@bnaitikvah.org or register your email preferences at www.bnaitikvah.org/click.html

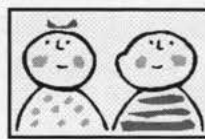
GETTING INVOLVED ONLINE

Separate from the CBT Newsletter, we have over a hundred member families who belong to B'nai Tikvah's Yahoo "eGroup". The eGroup provides a convenient and easy way to ask your fellow congregants for help and advice on any topic you are comfortable discussing in public. It's also a great way to let those know that you're there to help too. Ask Webmaster@bnaitikvah.org to "sign you up" or visit www.bnaitikvah.org/click.html

MAKELAH

TOT SHABBAT

November 8 & November 22



Did your children enjoy the torah for tots services during the high holidays? The fun does not need to end! please join us for tot shabbat on Saturday

November 8 and Saturday November 22 from 11-12pm. As usual, it is free of charge but full of fun!

10 am—11 am Babysitting

11 am—12 pm Tot Shabbat

The Makelah under the talented direction of Marty Angstreich added beautiful harmonies to the High Holy Day services this year. The chorus is very appreciative of the numerous accolades it has received.

The Makelah will be singing at the interfaith Thanksgiving service on Sunday, November 23, 2003. Our upcoming schedule for 2004 includes participation in the "Raise Our Voices for Israel 2" program at Neve Shalom on Saturday, January 17, Shabbat Shirah on February 7, and the Israel Independence Day Program on April 26.

Do you love to sing? Why not become a part of the chorus? Please take the challenge and join us! Even though we work hard, Marty knows how to keep things light by telling just the right joke whenever needed. You do not need to be able to read music or Hebrew.

All sopranos, altos, tenors and basses are invited to join the B'nai Tikvah Makelah. If you are not sure what part you sing, Marty will be delighted to help you find out. Please call Marty Angstreich at 732-422-8781, Cantor Rockman at 732-297-0696, or Cheryl Ansin at 732-297-5379 for more information.



Jewish Federation 2004 Annual Campaign

SUPER SUNDAY

November 23, 2003

JOIN ORDINARY PEOPLE DOING EXTRAORDINARY THINGS

You can participate in this exciting community event:

Volunteer to be a caller

Sponsor a Phone: Corporate \$360, Individual \$118

**Harry Bernstein Alan Hirsch Judi Oshinsky
Super Sunday Co-Chairs**

Call your Federation office today!

(732) 432-7711, ext. 10 e-mail: mharris@jf-gmc.org

Gifts to Federation pump much needed dollars into family and children's services; security at Israeli pre-schools; companionship for the elderly with kosher Meals-On-Wheels; Jewish education; and comfort for Israeli victims of terror through direct aid. This year, the *Israel Inspires* series of events and programs will empower Rutgers students to be advocates for Israel in a climate of intense anti-Israel propaganda. Federation gifts also provide grants for supplemental education programs at the county's 11 afternoon Hebrew schools and 4 day schools.

To volunteer, please call the Federation office today at 732-432-7711. If you can't volunteer, please be generous when you're called on Super Sunday.

Learn more about the Jewish Federation at www.jfgmc.org

The Jewish Federation Of Greater Middlesex County

230 Old Bridge Turnpike
South River, NJ 08882-2000
732-432-7711 Fax 732-432-0292

B'NAI TIKVAH AT THE RUTGERS ISRAEL INSPIRES RALLY

October 9, 2003

All photos courtesy Cantor Bruce Rockman.



B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

REMEMBER YOUR HIGH SCHOOL DANCES?

Relive those memories by helping to chaperone the USY Regional Dance on Saturday, February 7th. Volunteer forms are available in the office, on the website, or contact any member of the Youth Committee



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Please help us to update our membership information. While we have recorded your basic information, in many cases we are lacking information on the birthdates and names of children in the Congregation's families (especially those who were born since you filled out the membership form. We also are seeking home and work email addresses of congregants, and current postal addresses of your grown children. We want to make sure that our records are accurate so that we can serve you better. Please e-mail Miriam@bnaitikvah.org with updates to the following information:

1. Home Address and Phone Number
2. Members' Dates of Birth (so we'll be able to invite you to the monthly Birthday Service.)
3. Children's Names and Dates of Birth
4. Addresses and Phone Numbers of grown children (This information would only be used in case of an emergency.)
5. Children's College Postal Addresses and E-mails (B'nai Tikvah periodically sends holiday "care packages" to our college-age congregants.)
6. Congregant's Email Addresses
7. Congregant's Work Phone Numbers
8. Congregant's Preferred Title (Dr./Mr./Mrs./Ms.)

If your update is not received by email, you will receive a phone call requesting the information in the near future.

DON'T TOSS THOSE INK-JET CARTIDGES

B'nai Tikvah earns cash for your empty ink-jet cartridges. Bring your empty cartridges to the synagogue office. For information call Mark Sherman at 732-732-940-1110 or the Synagogue Office at 732-297-0696. *Sorry: Laser Cartridges NOT accepted. If it's bigger than the size of your palm, it's NOT an inkjet!*

BIKUR CHOLIM

The synagogue is now forming a Bikur Holim (visiting the sick) Committee. Members will receive training on the Jewish way to show concern for people who are ill. If you are interested in visiting or calling congregants who need healing, please contact Miriam at the synagogue office, 732-297-0696, x 3005.

WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU. YASHER KOACH!

A significant thank you/yasher koach to many folks who helped to make our High Holidays even more special! I am sure there are many others to thank as well, omissions are my responsibility!

Larry Cohen

Marty Abschutz
Sandy Baum
Jeff Berger
Matt Biderman
Bobbi & Marc Binder
Arthur Cederbaum
Dot & Margot Cohen
Toby & Gary & Ben Ehrlich
Harvey Finkelstein
Cindy Gittleman
Bruce & Daniel & Sara Goldstein
Danny & Josh Greenberg
Joe Grodman
Gordon Heit
Naomi Jackenthal
Jerry Kaminsky
Allan Katronetsky
Ruth Anne Koenick
Jack Mailman
Carol Marks
Herb Mars
Irwin Millinger
Marci Oslick
Stacey Rockman
Mark Roller
Brad Rosen
Ann & Sam Rosenzweig
Mae Rubenstein
Barry Safeer
Doris Sandrowitz
Ian Schwartz
Jeff Schwartz
Mark & Josh Sherman
Martin & Shane Spigner
Paul Zankel

B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

CARIBBEAN SCHMOOZE CRUISE PLANNING TO SET SAIL

The "cruise planners" are getting ready for this year's big fundraiser, the **Caribbean Schmooze Cruise** to be held March 13th, 2004 in the B'nai Tikvah Ballroom! The Schmooze Cruise committee's next meeting will take place on Thursday, November 13 at 7:30 pm.



Don't you want to see Carol Brady transform into Julie the Cruise Director? Who will be Captain of the Love-Boat? Who will win the shuffleboard tournament and who will bid for that priceless piece of art? How about a swimsuit contest? OK - maybe that's going too far, but we're trying to be imaginative...

If you are not sure whether or not you would like to help plan our next big social/fundraiser again, read comments below from a valued committee person from last year:

"Let me be the first (or 2nd) to say.....WE ROCK!!! And we know how to raise \$ while doing it!! Who would have guessed we'd have 30 couples playing the Newlywed Game?! Our group roared with laughter. I had soooooo much fun planning this event with all of you!"

We would like to top the fun had at last years' 70's night - and make the Schmooze Cruise bigger and better. And we need your help. We also need new and more committee members - please call Gary Warner at 732-422-9292 if you or anyone you know would be interested. It's fun, rewarding, and you'll meet a few new people along the way.

LOOKING FOR A SHABBAT FILLED WITH SPIRIT?



Join USY this February 6-8th as they lead us in Shabbat Shira services. While you're here, volunteer to help serve lunch or seudah shleesheet (the 3rd Shabbat meal) to our youth. Volunteer forms are available in the office, on our website or contact any member of the Youth Committee.

FIFTY PLUS CLUB

The Fifty Plus Group will meet on Tuesday, November 25, at 1 p.m. in the Social Hall of the Synagogue. Come and hear about our future program plans. Back by popular demand, enjoy an afternoon including an exciting movie and appropriate refreshments. All members and guests are invited.

Bring your friends.



SISTERHOOD'S ANNUAL CHANUKAH BAZAAR

SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 23
9:00 AM TO 12:30 PM



FANTASTIC NEW GAMES, TOYS,
WRAPPING PAPER, DREIDLES,
HANUKKIOT, CANDLES AND
HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR THE
WHOLE FAMILY!

SHOP EARLY AND TAKE
ADVANTAGE OF A LARGE
SELECTION OF ITEMS AT
GREAT PRICES!

B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

BEDS WANTED



Floor space for USYers to spend the night the weekend of February 6-8. If you can help house some USYers, please complete a volunteer form available on the website, in the office or from any member of the Youth Committee.

UPDATING OUR SITE

Our website contains almost 200 pages and forms, not counting the hundreds of photos. Updates, requested by our congregants, are usually applied within a few hours of notification but, most of the information is updated in what we call "random selection priority order". If you spot something that you know is out-of-date, please e-mail our webmaster at webmaster@bnaitikvah.org. If you'd like to take an active role in maintaining our site, we have numerous projects on the back burner just waiting for someone to get started. Then we'll have even more pages that others can tell us that need to be updated.

DONATE YOUR CAR—EARN MONEY FOR CBT

Congregation B'nai Tikvah earns cash for your old, but running, cars and trucks. You get a receipt for your donation! To donate your car/truck or to find out more about this fundraiser, call: Danny Greenberg at 732-297-3780 or Mark Sherman at 732-940-1110.

JEWISH FEDERATION THANKS B'NAI TIKVAH

Thank you, congregants for your goodhearted and very generous response to the Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County's 2004 Kol Nidre Appeal. This year 111 of you pledged \$18,959—an increase of more than 25% both in the number of family and individual donors and in dollars contributed. Sixty percent (60%) of these dollars translate into counseling services for local jobseekers, help for the troubled and bereaved. These monies also support our county's four day schools and 11 afternoon Hebrew schools, programs and activity centers for both teens and adults, as well as helping to maintain a respectful home for the aged. The other 40% provides desperately needed help for fellow Jews in Israel, Argentina, and around the world.

If your pledge card went home with you, it's not too late to fold down a tab and mail in the envelope. Federation volunteers hope a one-to-one conversation will change the minds of those who are hesitant to donate. Expect a call on Super Sunday, November 23rd, when a volunteer will ask you to join us in the mitzvah of helping others. Please say "Yes." Remember, whenever you make your pledge to Federation, you have until June 30th, 2004 to pay it—either in a lump sum or in installments.

If you have questions, or need more information, call Ann Gold at (609) 409-0668 or Teresa Seidler at Federation, (732) 432-7711, ext. 15).

*A healthy and happy 5764 to you and yours.
Ann Gold*



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discounts on dining, shopping and services
Extra savings at entertainment.com
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*Call Barry Safer (422-8543) or the synagogue office (297-0696) to order.
Order online at www.Bnaitikvah.org. Consignment orders accepted.
We deliver! Make all checks payable to Congregation B'nai Tikvah.*

B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

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

FOOD OF THE MONTH

When you drop your child off for religious school, nursery school or attend a meeting or a program, please bring one of the designated food items to the synagogue office. All the food will be distributed to the local food banks and shelters. Your support is greatly appreciated. Please do not bring any food item on Shabbat.



November: Peanut butter and Jelly

December: Macaroni and cheese, canned tuna or canned spaghettios

MAZON CARDS: THE JEWISH RESPONSE TO HUNGER

An all-occasion Mazon card will be available for purchase in the synagogue office and at the gift shop. Cards are \$5.00 each. All proceeds will go to Mazon, a national, nonprofit agency, which allocates donations from the Jewish community to non profit organizations, providing food, help and hope to hungry people of all faiths and backgrounds.

BUCKINGHAM PLACE

Social Action arranged for ten residents of Buckingham Place were able to attend our Yizkor service on Yom Kippur. They were very grateful. We are in the process of providing more services and programs to the Jewish residents of Buckingham place.

Interested in getting involved in this worthwhile effort, please contact Janice Baer--732-940-0268 or e-mail: Janice.Baer@Bnaitikvah.org.

MIZVAH CRIB

The Mitzvah Crib, located in the synagogue lobby, is a place for you to drop off new baby items which will be donated to needy families in the area. This is an ongoing program. Suggested items: diapers, wipes, baby soap, powder, lotion, bottles, spill-proof cups, bibs, books, toys and clothes -- anything new that a baby can use.

HELP A NEEDY FAMILY FOR THE HOLIDAYS



Who are these families?

These families are all in need. They are referred by various sources including Jewish Family Services, local welfare directors, school social workers and senior centers.

How does this program work?

Each family will fill out a wish list of their needs. The wish lists typically include items like towels, sheets, blankets, clothing, shoes, coats and children's toys.

How can you help?

1. Become a family coordinator for one family's wish list. This might involve getting your family, friends, co-workers, and merchants to donate the needed items to fulfill the family's wish list.
2. Volunteer to obtain one or more of the items on a family's wish list.
3. Donate money that will be specifically used to purchase items on a family's wish list. Checks should be made payable to Congregation B'nai Tikvah Holiday Program.

To participate in this worthwhile program download the form from www.bnaitikvah.org or contact Social Action Committee Chair Janice Baer at either 732-940-0268 or Janice.Baer@bnaitikvah.org. **no later than November 26.**

WE FIND NEW HOMES FOR YOUR GREAT, BUT NO LONGER NEEDED STUFF!

As our committee grows, so do our activities. Every so



often we receive calls or an e-mails from congregants wanting to donate specific items but having no idea where or how to do so. On several occasions the Social Action Committee has been able to find "homes" for these items.

If you have household items that are in good condition, think of contacting a member of the Social Action Committee. We may be able to help you help others by finding an appreciative home for those fine items you are no longer using.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO B'NAI TIKVAH FUNDS

September 16, 2003—October 15, 2003

Yartzeit:

Arleen and Barry Panson, in memory of Celia Herlands
 Lisa and Leon Suttner, in memory Lois Millner
 Fern and Allan Katronetsky, in memory of Roslyn Katronetsky
 Arline and Alan Kane, in memory of Sarah Greenberg
 Rose, Jeff, Josh and Seth Berger, in memory of Cyla Kestenman
 Sandra and Seymour Levine, in memory of Sadie Levine
 Fran and Philip Weinstein, in memory of Rose Weinstein
 Myra and Howard Dickert, in memory of Benjamin and Sylvia Dickert
 Elaine and Leonard Buechler, in memory of Sender Buechler
 Anita and Harold Small, in memory of Anna Small
 Anita and Harold Small, in memory of Ida Sokolow
 Susan and Harry Rosenzweig, in memory of Lee Zieselman
 Joan and Morris Shames, in memory of Stacey Shames Manders
 Rena and Barry Lepinsky, in memory of Fred Raskowsky
 Marilyn and Stephen Breitkopf, in memory of Beatrice Breitkopf
 Edith Wexler, as Yizkor donation

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:

Annie Morrisey, in memory of Norman Uroff
 Mindy and Marty Angstreich, in memory of Marvin Angstreich
 Myra and Howard Dickert, in memory of Sylvia Dickert
 The Kurschner Family, in honor of the Rabbi, for his support during the illness and subsequent death of Paul Kurschner

Cantor's Discretionary Fund:

Gale Dilman and Ruth Anne Koenick, in honor of the great performance by the Son's of Tikvah at the recent Selichot program and service
 Joyce and Gerald Fishelberg, in memory of Sidney Gurtov
 Mindy and Marty Angstreich, in memory of Marvin Angstreich
 Michele and Dave Greenfield, in honor of the wedding of their daughter Pam to Marc
 Cantor Royal and Mrs. Dove Miller-Rockman, wishing Congregation B'nai Tikvah a year of Nachas, Peace and Health
 Elaine and Alvin Brackup, in memory of Robert Rubin

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Mail to: Congregation B'nai Tikvah, 1001 Finnegan's Lane, North Brunswick, NJ 08902

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

On the occasion of: _____

Amount of your Donation:

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This donation is being made by:

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Telephone: _____

Please send an acknowledgment to:

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Building/Capital Improvements Fund:

Expansion Fund:

General Fund:

Leon Bibel Fund:

Library Fund:

Makhela Fund:

Blanche Fruhling, in memory of Sadie Seidenstein
Colleen Snow and Nitsat Hadas Elami, in memory of
Sidney Tinkel (Gary Tinkel's father)

Men's Club

Lisa, Gary, Jessica and Joshua Warner, in memory of
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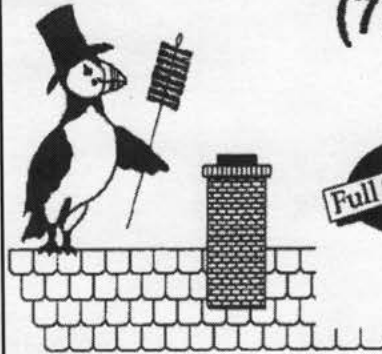
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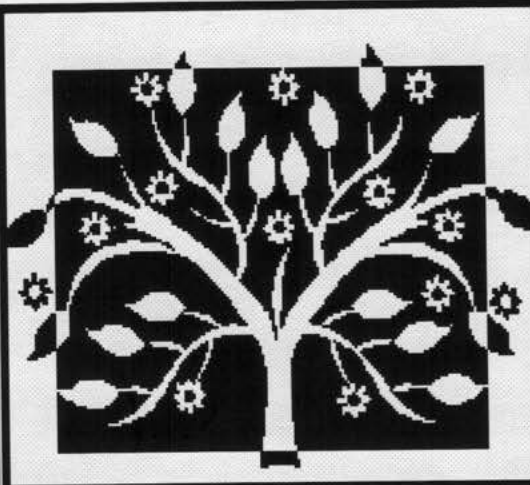
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9 14 Cheshvan No Religious School Men's Club	10 15 Cheshvan Sisterhood Board	11 16 Cheshvan Nursery Gift Bazaar 50+ Board Meeting New Beginnings Cantor's Adult Ed Class	12 17 Cheshvan Torah Lishma / Adult Ed	13 18 Cheshvan	14 19 Cheshvan Alef Class Dinner & Service Birthday Shabbat	15 20 Cheshvan
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