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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES FOR ALL
AGES WITH COMMITMENT TO
ISRAEL AND JEWISH
COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE
WORLD.

HAKOL

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Light the First Light Of Hanukkah At B'nai Tikvah Friday, December 19

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The B'nai Tikvah

FAMILY HANUKKAH PARTY TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, FROM 6-8PM

Featuring the KOL TIKVAH CHORUS and the SONS OF TIKVAH BAND!

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OUR HAZZAN'S VOICE

Cantor Bruce Rockman

A Hanukkah Re-Dedication

Hanukkah is almost here. This great holiday is one in which we celebrate religious freedom. The story of this holiday is about our struggle and quest for religious freedom, the miracle of the oil and the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem.



As adults we shield our children from pain. One way that pain is inflicted on them, and all of us as Jews, is that we deal with prejudice, anti-Semitism in particular. Around here our children rarely confront this form of hate, and we are thankful for that. This is one reason we celebrate Hanukkah in a mostly secular fashion, concentrating on gift giving. We light the candles and eat our fried latkes and donuts in commemoration of the miracle of the oil, but we stop there.

Look at the horrors that we are enduring today. Is there any question that we are at risk? Will we be forced to fight for our religious freedom? Will another bomb explode in our midst?

We are fortunate to live in the land of the free and the home of the brave, but our America can also be dangerous. So, what am I suggesting? We have a unique opportunity to live the Hanukkah experience. As we re-dedicate our synagogue with our very-soon-to-be new addition, just as our ancestors did, I call upon all of us to re-dedicate our lives to efforts of acts of loving-kindness, commitment to Jewish causes, and awareness to our place in the world. Make an effort to repair this world for God's sake, for our children's sake.

I wish you a joyous and peaceful Hanukkah, and lots of latkes!!!

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Arie Behar

Keeping Hanukkah in Perspective

It is always very difficult for me at this time of year. It is only the middle of November and already I feel bombarded with Christmas. Everywhere around me everyone is so consumed with this magical, commercial holiday. It makes me feel like a stranger, an outsider. Every year I am also shocked by the celebration of Hanukkah in this country, and its elevation to the level of Christmas. I cannot get used to the idea that everyone around me, including my Jewish friends, are busy shopping, trying to be included in the larger celebration. It is even more difficult for me to see many of my Jewish friends get sucked into this holiday, wanting to be so much a part of the Christian world that they forget the true meaning and the real story of Hanukkah.

Hanukkah should be considered a minor Jewish holiday. As someone who grew up in Israel, I don't remember celebrating Hanukkah the way it is celebrated here. The holiday falls in the winter and lasts for eight days, and therefore served as a winter break from school. For me, and everyone who comes to this country from Israel, all the festivity surrounding Hanukkah is quite strange and even unacceptable.



As a parent, a neighbor, or consumer, I can see the need to adopt some Christian traditions such as exchanging gifts with friends and giving year-end gratuities. But gift giving at this time of year is definitely not a Jewish tradition and is popular in this country only. It is not the way we celebrated as kids in Israel, and it's disturbing for me to see every year.

Hanukkah is about religious freedom. It is about a heroic struggle to keep a unique identity and the sacrifices made to retain this identity, and not adopt the customs of the larger world. Wouldn't our Christian friends and neighbors appreciate us more for NOT adopting their traditions, but retaining our own? In contrast to the initial struggle of the Jewish Maccabees to fight to maintain their identity, here in this country we are willing to submit all too quickly. When I go out at this time of year and am greeted with Happy Holidays, I wonder where this person was in the fall when the Jews were celebrating their major Holidays, the *hagim*. Hanukkah is a small and largely insignificant holiday in the middle of a very significant Christian holiday. It is not, and should not, be the Jewish Christmas.

HANUKKAH EVENTS AT B'NAI TIKVAH

Light the

First Light

Friday, December 19
At B'nai Tikvah

3:15

Puppet Show,
Olive Pressing Demo,
Hanukkah Songs &
Games

3:45

Special Hanukkah
Snacks

4:00

Gather to Light
Our Outdoor Hanukkia

4:15

Shabbat and Hanukkah
Candle Lighting and
Family Shabbat Service

All Families
are invited to our
Hanukkah & Shabbat
Celebrations!

Please RSVP
by December 17



The B'nai Tikvah

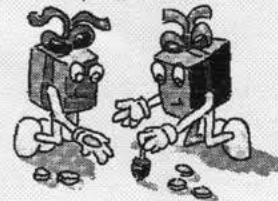
FAMILY HANUKKAH PARTY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, FROM 6-8PM



Bring your own HANUKKIA as we join
together to celebrate the 5th night
of Hanukkah with our annual
CANDLE LIGHTING PARTY

Play **DREIDEL** games
Delicious **LATKES**
and other stuff to **EAT**



SING-A-LONG WITH
KOL TIKVAH YOUTH CHORUS AND
THE SONS OF TIKVAH BAND



Please bring a new-unwrapped children's toy for Tzedakah

RSVP (732-297-0696) BY THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18TH AT 5PM

Cantor Rockman's Great Hanukkah Gift Ideas



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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



To order, call or e-mail Cantor Rockman.

ISRAEL TASKFORCE

Alan Kane, Chairperson

We have just started up an Israel Taskforce Committee at CBT. This committee's mission is to develop and maintain a congregational connection to the State of Israel. We will be starting up an education program that will include a monthly educational article for Hakol as well as periodic announcements of programs and events related to Israel. For more information contact Alan Kane, Chair, Israel Taskforce, 732-418-1913.

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ISRAEL EDUCATION INITIATIVE: PROPORTIONALITY

Israel seeks peace and is still waiting for a Palestinian leader in the mold of Anwar Sadat and King Hussein to step forward and end the violence and resume negotiations. Until that happens, Israel must take prudent security measures to protect its citizens.

How do you determine the proportionate use of military force? When Palestinian terrorists plant bombs at Israeli shopping malls and kill and maim dozens of civilians, would the "proportionate response" be for Israelis to plant bombs in Palestinian malls? No one in Israel believes this would be a legitimate use of force. Thus, Israel is left with the need to take measured action against specific targets in an effort to either deter Palestinian violence or stop it.

What would America do if terrorists bombed civilian targets? After 9/11, we saw that America took the same type of action as Israel by launching military strikes against the terrorists. U.S. forces used overwhelming force and, though they never targeted civilians, some were inadvertently killed. Israeli soldiers do not deliberately target noncombatants. The murder of innocents is the goal of Palestinian terrorists. IDF activities are governed by an overriding policy of restraint, the requirement of proportionality and the necessity to take all possible measures to prevent harm to innocent civilians.

No innocent Palestinians would be in any danger if the Palestinian Authority took steps to stop terrorism. Israel would have no reason to take military action if its citizens were not under constant threat.

No innocent Palestinians would be in danger if terrorists did not deliberately hide among them. If the peace-seeking Palestinians prevented the terrorists from living in their midst, Israel would have no reason to come to their neighborhoods.

It is a tragedy whenever innocent lives are lost, and Israelis have consistently expressed their sadness over Palestinian casualties. By contrast, when innocent Israelis are murdered by terrorists, Palestinians hold rallies to celebrate the murders.

As a democracy, when Israeli soldiers make mistakes in battle, they are called to account for those errors. On those occasions when Palestinian noncombatants are unintentionally injured, investigations are launched and the Israeli public debates the military's actions. According to the rules of engagement for Israeli troops in the territories, the use of weapons is authorized solely in life-threatening situations or, subject to significant limitations, in the exercise of the arrest of an individual suspected of having committed a grave security offense.

The Religious School Committee
presents a special program:

Shai Goldstein



Director of the New Jersey Regional Office
of the
Anti-Defamation League

In a Discussion of

"The New Anti-Semitism" How the Growth of Global Anti-Semitism Affects Our Local Communities

Sunday, December 7
10:40 am -12:05 pm

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." 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, MA.

HAKOL

The Newsletter of
Congregation B'nai Tikvah
JCC of North & South Brunswick

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

All Submissions for the
JANUARY HAKOL
must be in by
December 15

SUBMISSION FORMATS:

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

ADULT EDUCATION

**"ISRAEL IN THE MEDIA:
What's the truth?
Where to find it? How to tell it?
Who needs to hear it?"**



**Series Continues, Wednesday Nights:
December 3 and December 10**

Rabbi Eligberg's "Israel in the Media" series continues in December. The last two classes of the four-class adult-education series will continue Wednesday nights, 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.

A MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

Cindy Gittleman, V.P. Membership



HAVE A FRIEND who might be interested in joining B'nai Tikvah? Send them one of our updated "Prospective Member" packages. Just call VP of Membership Cindy Gittleman at 732-274-2253 or email the info to: Membership@bnaitikvah.org.

REACH OUT: The Membership Committee is exploring ways to reach out to the community and get the word out to realtors and relocation specialists. If you have connections to individuals in these fields, please send the information to Cindy.

Our SPEED MEET & GREET event may have been washed out by the heavy rains but our committees are overflowing with great information to help people become involved. Want info on how to get involved in any aspect of B'nai Tikvah? Contact Cindy Gittleman.



Upcoming Spring Event:
CHAI ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION for members of B'nai Tikvah celebrating their 18th year of membership.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS

Ann Kanarek, Director

What Is Chanukkah?

The Hebrew word *Chanukkah* means "dedication." The holiday is a joyous eight-day celebration by which Jews commemorate the victory of the Maccabees over the armies of Syria in 165 B.C.E. and the subsequent liberation and rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem. Unlike most Jewish holidays, Chanukkah is not Biblically based. The historical events upon which the celebration is based are recorded in I and II Maccabees, two books contained within a later collection of writings known as the Apocrypha.

The story of Chanukkah is well known to most of us. In the year 168 B.C.E., the Syrian tyrant Antiochus Epiphanes sent his soldiers to Jerusalem. The Syrians desecrated the Temple, and Antiochus declared that Judaism was to be abolished. He attempted to force a foreign type of worship (the Hellenistic worship of Zeus) on the Jewish people. This was part of his strategy to unite his subjugated nations for a final war with Rome. Most of the Jews, especially the upper-class communities, assimilated and accepted Antiochus' demands. But the Maccabees would not assimilate. That small band achieved the spiritual victory of remaining Jewish and the military victory of defeating the Syrian Greeks.

The story of Chanukkah, though more than 2000 years old, is a modern story for modern Jews seeking to know who we are and what Judaism means. It is a story of the reassertion of new Jewish nationalism, of the dangers of unchecked assimilation and of intolerant fundamentalism. It is a story that calls upon Jews everywhere to reaffirm our Jewish identities and loyalties while, at the same time, acknowledging positive influences that work upon us from other cultures.

About Our Customs and Rituals

Originally, the eight-day Feast of Lights was intended to parallel the eight days of Sukkot. The books of Maccabees made no mention of the beautiful legend concerning the jar of oil which has come to be a part of Chanukkah. Several centuries later the story of the cruse of oil emerged in the Talmud.

Long ago, two great academies argued over how many candles we light each night. The School of Shammai reasoned that since the oil in that long-ago legend lessened as the days passed, so, too, should the number of candles. Shammai's students began with eight candles the first night, and lit on less every night. But the theories of Hillel and his students won out, and we now light one additional candle each night, thus continuously increasing our light and joy.

**MAY YOU ALL ENJOY GOOD HEALTH,
HAPPINESS AND BLESSINGS DURING CHANUKKAH
AND ALWAYS!**



CHAI SCHOOL "CHAI" LIGHTS



Bend, squat, and pull on a Sunday morning. Is it an exercise class? No, but it was an exercise in doing mitzvot for those in need of food. On Sunday, November 16th the teenagers in our "Chai" School, along with their teachers, Jessica Azad, Ariela Robinson, Brad Rosen, Josh Seigle and Kfir Weinraub harvested food at Giamarese Farms in East Brunswick. They collected one hundred eighty-one bags of mustard greens and turnips, which amazingly weighed in at 3600 pounds! The New Jersey Farmers Against Hunger truck was there to whisk nearly 2 tons of food to soup kitchens to feed the hungry. Students got down and dirty in the process, but equipped with garden gloves and determination, the task was an exercise of satisfaction in knowing that those less fortunate would 'reap' the benefits of their reaping!!

CHANUKKAH IS COMING!! SUPPORT OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Put your name on a flame, put your handle on a candle. Look for the Wall of Flame, our Religious School Menorah with your name in lights. For only a dollar each, you can buy paper flames for every member of your family. Or, for 18 big ones, you can buy a whole paper candle for your group. Anyway you choose, you are warming up to a great cause--your Religious School. For more information, check the flyer in this bulletin. On behalf of the Religious School staff and children we thank you for your support.

B'NAI TIKVAH THANKS: The Jewish Book Fair's Chairperson, **Gina Giuffre**, and her committee of volunteers: **Susan Aaron, Amy Kirsch, Linda Kohn, Dan Kurschner, Hope Peters, Carol Schultz, Amy Smith, Barbara Speesler, Frank Waltzer and Terri Woller**. We thank everyone who helped and supported the Book Fair. Our proceeds will benefit the school's enrichment programs.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REMINDERS

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| Sun., 12/7: | C.A.F.E for GIMEL Class:
Creating Chamsas |
| Sun., 12/ 19: | Chanukkah Shabbat program
Nursery - 2 nd grade, 4:00pm |
| Wed. 12/24 -
Thurs. 1/1: | NO SCHOOL, Winter break |
| Sun., 1/4: | Hebrew School Resumes
Hei Class PACT program: <i>Tallit
Making Workshop</i> , 2:00 pm—5:00 pm |
| Sat., 1/10: | Hei Class Shabbat and Lunch, 9:15 am |

NOTE: Hei Class PACT program originally scheduled for 12/14 rescheduled for Sunday, January 4.

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Fran Pearson, Director

REFLECTIONS ON 2003

As we approach the end of 2003, I reflect, on all the exciting learning experiences our nursery school children have been engaged in. Highlights included Rabbi Eligberg and Cantor Rockman's Rosh Hashanah, Sukkot and Simchat Torah programs. Having fun in learning continued when our children boarded a bus with their parents and went to Lee Turkey Farm in Hightstown to harvest a pumpkin and apple for Sukkot. What a treat to see our little ones marching around our sanctuary waving their flags for Simchat Torah and holding miniature Torahs in their little hands.

These activities and special holiday programs allow our children to learn about our traditions and rituals in a positive and enjoyable manner. Our goal is to help our children not only relate to our holidays, but to provide them with a sense of their Jewish identity.

Parent Involvement

At our nursery school, we believe that parent participation and involvement is very important. For the first time, our parents were invited to join their children and share class-made foods and sing songs at our Thanksgiving feasts. It was very gratifying to know that 99% of our parents attended and enjoyed our Thanksgiving celebration. In honor of the holiday, tzedakah donations were made to Elijah's Soup Kitchen in New Brunswick. Food was also collected to help North and South Brunswick's Food Banks' R.O.C.K. Literacy Program

In keeping with parent participation, our parents will soon have the opportunity to become R.O.C.K. stars. Parents, grandparents and siblings have been invited to read a favorite book to our children. R.O.C.K. stands for "Reading Outloud Creates Knowledge" and is part of our literacy program. Participating families have their pictures taken for our R.O.C.K. star bulletin board. They also receive a certificate of



participation and a bookmark as a gift

Parent Advisory Committees

Our Parent Advisory Committees are very busy preparing and shopping for Chanukah. From ordering items for our Kid's Gift Shop (where our children purchase small gifts for their families) to purchasing latkes and applesauce for our holiday party to organizing a trip to Buckingham Palace where our Pre-k children will visit our senior citizens to awesome fundraising projects to benefit our school - our parents are busy and involved. Our parent advisory committee members are truly an integral part of what makes our school special!

CHANUKAH BEYOND PRESENTS ... From Tastes of Jewish Tradition



As has become our custom, many children tend to expect gifts and gelt. Today, more so than ever, we are challenged to retain the spiritual significance of Chanukah. Creating an atmosphere of moderation while children are young is the key to getting back to the true meaning of the holiday. Every night of the holiday can be devoted to a special project or activity that that initiate some thought, feelings, and conversation in your family.

Some ideas include: When lighting the hanukiah, ask everyone at the table to share something they are grateful for. Phone a friend or a relative and as a family, sing one of your Chanukah songs over the telephone, and then wish them a Happy Chanukah. Invite some friends and/or family over for a Sunday brunch. Assign a festive dish for every one to bring. Have a treasure hunt for hidden gelt. Share holiday stories and songs. Bake and decorate cookies as a family project and bring some to someone who does not have many family members or friends close by. Use your imagination and design coupons for future services for your friends and family. "Zot Chanukah" (This is Chanukah) - The eighth night is called the climax of the festival. What would be a special tradition for your family to start on this night? I'm sure each family can think of something special and unique to end our "Festival of Lights" with. Enjoy!

NURSERY SCHOOL CALENDAR— DECEMBER/JANUARY

Tues., 12/2	Library Program - Pre-K
Fri., 12/5	Music Program - Pre-K / 3's
Mon, 12/8	Library Program - 3's
Mon., 12/15	Kids Only Gift Shop - 3's
Tues., 12/16	Kids Only Gift Shop - Pre-K / 2's
Thurs., 12/18	Music program - Two-year-olds
Thurs., 12/18	Trip to Buckingham Palace - Pre-K
Fri., 12/19	Music Program - Pre-K/Three's
Mon., 12/22	Holiday Party - Pre-k & Three's
Tues. 12/ 23	Holiday Party - Two's & Toddler Fun Club
Wed., 12/24 -	
Fri., 1/2, 2004	Winter Break
Mon., 1/5, 2004	School Reopens

B'NAI TIKVAH YOUTH

USY

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For this month's USY article I decided to do something a little different. I have compiled a bunch of different views on how USY has changed different USY'ers lives. The views include freshman, sophomores, juniors, seniors, and even some graduates who wish they were still in USY, but are coming back to staff soon. The views include people from the North/South Brunswick chapter and from people around Hagalil.

"As a freshman in high school problems at times can seem elevated. A little too much homework some nights, not enough sleep another. The teenage soul needs a little downtime other than going online or watching television. This is where USY comes in. For freshman, it has the biggest impact. It helps set-up a stabile social life where you can hang out with friends and meet new friends."

"I'm here to tell you the wonderful joys of being a senior in USY. When college applications are bearing down, and teachers are loading you down with busy work, my way out is USY. A couple of hours every week, and I get to see people the likes of which you can find ONLY at USY. I never would've met some of my closest friends if not for regional conventions, and they're the kind of people who can help you with anything. I love USY and I have all throughout high school."

"USY was a very fun experience for me in my high school career. Even though I only was involved my last two years I made friendships that will last a life time. It made me realize who I am as a Jew and that everyone can make a difference. I learned how to become a better Jew and it is helping me through my first semester as a freshman at college and will continue to help me throughout my college career."

"Joining USY might have been the best thing I have ever done. I know that if I am ever down, my friends from USY will be there for me to cheer me up or to help me. They are all great listeners and know how to help. There are also those brownie points that they are Jewish. If I 'like' any of them, I don't have to worry about my parents not approving because they aren't Jewish. As a USY'er, a person can do many things. USY helps with just meeting people and making friendships that last a life time. USY has changed my life for the better."

B'ahava,
Ilana Katronetsky
Communications VP 03-04

YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT

Our Youth groups are active and growing! This year, we have over 50 members in USY and 45 in Kadima.... with more members joining every week. Please make sure that your child is not left out of the fun. Encourage them to participate and join in the varied activities that our Youth are doing. Some of the programs this year have included: Murder Mystery Dinner, Chinese Food and Movie, Sports 'N Stuff, Linus Blanket Night and, of course, conventions!

In the cold of winter, the synagogue will be "heated up" with 300 USYers joining us for their **Regional Mid-Winter Convention**. The convention will be held **February 6-8th**. We still need volunteers for any and all of the following:

- **Housing:** If you have floor space, consider it being covered (if only for the weekend) with a few USYers.
- **Registration:** Are you free on Friday afternoon? Can you help register our guests and help them identify their hosts? Registration will be from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.
- **Food Service:** If you can help serve one of the meals (dinner Friday night, lunch or dinner on Saturday or breakfast on Sunday), please let us know. You will also be able to observe, first hand, the true spirit of these young adults as they join in songs for Shabbat.
- **Dance:** Relive your youth by helping to chaperone the dance on Saturday night.

The USY convention will be a chance for our congregation to come together as a community and allow these High School students the opportunity to share in a weekend of learning, prayer and socializing.

Please send us an e-mail (Youth@Bnaitikvah.org) or, when we call, just say YES!

Adrienne Ross

**USY Hagalil
Regional
Convention
is coming to
B'nai Tikvah !!!
February 6-8, 2004**

USY DECEMBER CALENDAR

Dec. 11 Rock Climbing
Dec. 16 Hanukkah Party
Dec 19-25 International
 Convention



B'NAI TIKVAH YOUTH



North Brunswick mayor-elect Mac Womack presents a Proclamation to help raise awareness and increase USY membership to (r-l) Rafi Glazer and Hannah Ehrlich, N/S Brunswick USY Co-Presidents, while Shai Romirowsky, NJ Hagalil Regional President, looks on.

USY ACCEPTS NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP PROCLAMATION

North Brunswick Township mayor-elect Mac Womack presented members of United Synagogue Youth - Hagalil Region with a Proclamation during a North Brunswick Township meeting on Monday, Nov 3, 2003. Accepting the Proclamation on behalf of N/S Brunswick USY are Rafi Glazer and Hannah Ehrlich, N/S Brunswick USY Co-Presidents, and Shai Romirowsky, NJ Hagalil Regional President.

The Proclamation will help to raise awareness and increase USY membership as part of "Membership Awareness Week, November 9-15." This is an international campaign for the USY organization, and members of the executive board of the NJ region are coordinating efforts with local chapters to launch this program statewide.

United Synagogue Youth Organization, informally known as USY, is the high school youth group of the Conservative Movement of Judaism. The HaGalil regions has 42 chapters with over 1500 members in both high school and middle school groups. HaGalil region includes two-thirds of New Jersey.

North/South Brunswick USY meets at Congregation B'nai Tikvah twice a month for a variety of social, educational, and community service programs. This chapter has been honored with several coveted awards including Chapter of the Year, Most Improved Chapter and Individual Program Awards. The chapter sponsors Social Action activities; programs on timely topics such as youth violence, anti-Semitism, and Israeli Awareness; and participates in the annual Chanukah Party and Purim Carnival. For information about the N/S Brunswick USY, call Chapter Advisor Steve Springer at 732-297-0696.

KADIMA

Kadima@bnaitikvah.org

KADIMA BOARD ELECTED

Recently we elected our Kadima Board, and the following are our officers for the 2003-2004 year:

Co Presidents: Ben Ehrlich and Melissa Feldman
Vice President of Programming: Keren Brown
Vice President of Membership: Benjy Levin
Vice President of Communications: Ellis Klein

Also, I am pleased to announce that so far we have 44 current members of Kadima, which is outstanding, kudos to everyone for contributing to such a great enrollment. We always have space for more, so if anyone knows people still interested in joining, please let me know and I will get membership forms out to them.

We have had outstanding attendance at all our events so far this year, which include the Ice Cream Social at B'Nai Tikvah, Sports and Games at Grand Slam, Pizza in the Sukkah, and our latest outing, roller skating at United Skates of America in Woodbridge. At all of our events so far we have had more than half the membership attend, which again is just awesome!

If anyone has any questions about Kadima feel free to contact me

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KADIMA DECEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday, December 7
Kadima Games Day in Fair Lawn, NJ

Tuesday, December 16
Joint Hanukkah Party with USY at the
Synagogue.

B'NAI TIKVAH YOUTH

FAMILY SHABBAT HAS A WHOLE NEW LOOK

The prayer books have been redone, in color. New tunes, which match our Friday evening service, will be introduced. The **Family Shabbat Service** is recommended for children ages 2-7, and their parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. It is held the 3rd Friday evening of each month from 7:00 - 7:45pm in the synagogue's Kiddush room. Singing, dancing, puppet shows and abbreviated prayers are included in this all-participatory service.

Juice and cookies are served afterward, at the Family Shabbat Oneg. Sponsoring a Family Shabbat Oneg is a great way to celebrate a birthday, lost tooth, or just about any special event, and it only costs \$36. Just send your payment to the office, clearly mark "Friday Family Shabbat Service" on the envelope.

Questions about the Family Shabbat Service? Contact Bobbi or Marc Binder by phone at 732-274-2797 or email emaof3@comcast.net or mbdcpa@aol.com

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP

The Religious School Committee would like to thank all those who helped at Junior Congregation High Holiday services. A special thank you to Jeff Schwartz, who donated the apples. They were totally delicious and were enjoyed by not only the children at Junior Congregation, but also by our congregants as they left services on the second day of Rosh Hashanah.

MAZEL TOV TO OUR JUNIOR CONGREGATION TORAH READERS

These young people, all members of the **Torah Trope Club**, should be very proud of their accomplishment. They are; Becca Binder, Elliot Cohen, Samantha Kopelow, Cory Nagelberg, Rebecca Safer, and Jessica Shultz.

TOT SHABBAT December 20



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 December 20 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

BT COMMUNITY

SCRAPBOOKING WORKSHOPS

Newcomers and experienced album makers always welcome! Have fun, socialize, learn new ideas and progress on your album projects. Wonderful for holiday gifts.

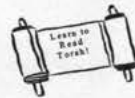
Reservations required. To reserve a space please contact Jodi Marcou at 732/422-6628 or email Jodimarcou@comcast.net. Locations may vary. Stay for all or part of the scheduled time period.

Dec. 11, 7-10pm: at Jodi Marcou's home
Upcoming Dates: January 7, 7pm and February 11, 7pm

B'NAI TIKVAH IS A WI-FI "HOT SPOT"

When you bring your Wi-Fi equipped (802.11b) laptop computer or PDA into the building, you can check your e-mail, search the web, or even pick up documents you may have left on your computer at home. This is now possible because B'nai Tikvah's internet facilities are wireless throughout the building.

If you need help configuring your computer or to possibly borrow an adapter, get in touch with our webmaster: GaryBergman@BnaiTikvah.org, 732-246-7285.

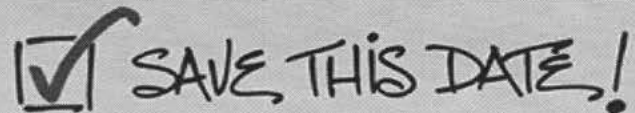


TORAH READERS' CLUB

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

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

Info: Call Larry Cohen 732-821-4376,
larry.cohen@bnaitikvah.org



Sunday, February 8, 2004

Sisterhood is proud to announce our first

Children's Fashion Show

Child models and adult volunteers wanted. Contact Lynn Biderman, Chairperson, at (732) 297-6691 or Linda Feinstein (732) 329-3815 for further info.

B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

SISTERHOOD

SISTERHOOD EVENT SCHEDULE:

Dec. 6 Sisterhood Shabbat Members of Sisterhood will lead Shabbat services. Come join us.

Dec. 21 10 AM- Evan Live! A joint Sisterhood - Men's Club Meeting featuring our very own caterer, Evan Bernstein, demonstrating his culinary skills for what promises to be an entertaining and delicious meeting

Save the Date: Jan. 11 3:00-5:00pm Author Jane Leegant will be joining us for afternoon tea to discuss her short story book, *An Hour in Paradise*, which has received rave reviews. We are making the book available to our members at a special price of \$10.00 (list price \$23.95). Please e-mail Joanne at jbgorelick@comcast.net to request your copy. Bring it to the meeting to have it signed by the author! Please bring donations of books and puzzles to our January meeting.

SISTERHOOD FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Retail Scrip is just like a Gift Certificate. This Hanukkah, buy scrip and give it as a present. Or, buy scrip and use it to buy your presents. Retail scrip is available through the Sisterhood, and can be bought when the gift shop is open or through Deb Spigner or Ruth Anne Koenick.

We stock the following: **Home Depot, Bed Bath and Beyond, Gap, Macy's, Old Navy, Bath and Body Works, Barnes and Noble.** Remember, the purchase of scrip benefits the Synagogue and **LOWERS YOUR DUES.** Hanukkah is almost here!

Orders may be placed for next year's Mah Jongg cards. Don't be left holding the wrong card! Call Fern Katronetsky (732-422-4321) to place your order.

Hometown Savings Book - order your book for \$18, Congregation B'nai Tikvah earns \$9 for each one sold. This coupon book is stuffed with offers from local and national businesses (Shop Rite, Modells, Liberty Science Center, Marty's Shoes to name a few). Shop Rite coupons total \$45! That alone pays for the book (and when combined with your manufacturers' coupons and Shop Rite supermarket scrip - sold by a synagogue committee - you will save quite a bit!). Contact Linda Feinstein for further info.

Hanukkah "Party" - help Sisterhood celebrate those 8 crazy nights without leaving the warmth and comfort of your home. Look for our "Party" invitations coming soon to a mailbox near you.

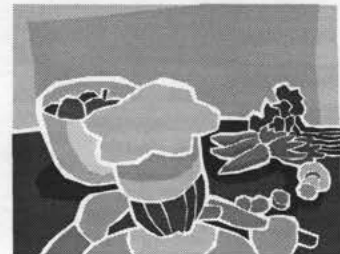
Sisterhood and Men's Club

are joining together for a very special December happening!

Announcing, the event we've all been waiting for...

Evan Live!

Our very own Evan Bernstein, of Classical Caterers, will be demonstrating his cooking skills and kitchen prowess on what promises to be a very entertaining and yummy occasion!



**Sunday, December 21
10:00am Sharp!**

Please bring donations of hats, gloves and scarves for Elijah's Promise

B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

MAKELAH NEWS

The Makelah was thrilled to be invited to sing *Miriam's Song* with the Sons of Tikvah at the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on November 23, 2003 at the Six Mile Run Reformed Church. Once again Marty Angstreich worked his arranging and conducting magic to elicit magnificent tones.



Raise your voices for Israel with the Makelah. Have you been looking for ways to really support Israel? How? Why not sing with us? The Makelah will be singing at the *Raise Our Voices for Israel* concert on Saturday evening January 17, 2004 at Neve Shalom in Metuchen. Funds raised will help Israeli victims of terrorism. Our B'nai Tikvah Makelah will be performing along with the Sons of Tikvah, other local synagogue choirs and the new Mercaz regional choir.

For information on the Makelah call Marty Angstreich at 732-422-8781, Cantor Rockman at 732-297-0696 or Cheryl Asnis at 732-297-5379.

ISRAEL BOND UPDATE

High Holiday Bond Drive

Thank you and yasher koach for your investments in Eretz Yisrael during the High Holidays. Approximately 100 B'nai Tikvah families invested a total of over \$130,000, which is the highest level we have seen. Please don't forget to send in your funds as soon as possible

Chai Bonds



Chai Bonds are a wonderful gift for friends and family who are celebrating a Simcha. Families with a Bar/Bat Mitzvah scheduled in 2004 or 2005 should have received a personalized letter introducing you to the Chai Bond. Please consider it and drop me a line if you have any questions.

Check out the B'nai Tikvah Website, which has a link to the Israel Bonds website! B'shalom,

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B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

JEWISH FEDERATION REPORT

Local News: If you were at the "Israel Inspires" rally at Rutgers, you know it was truly inspiring! Thousands of good people from New Jersey, 11 other states, Canada and Israel came out to show their support for the college's Jewish students, and for Israel. Your donations helped pay for the staff and technical support for the Hillel sponsors.

Israel: On the cusp of the Iraqi War, Tali feared especially for the safety of her autistic son, Alon. If a chemical attack were to occur Alon would be unable to wear the regulation gas mask. Your contribution to the Middlesex County Federation's Israel Emergency Campaign helped to pay for 232 custom-made gas masks—for Alon and other autistic children, for the frail and elderly, for people with respiratory problems. These special gas masks provide something even more precious than protection against chemical warfare—evidence that New Jersey Jews care for their Israeli cousins.

Upcoming Event: Raise Our Voices for Israel: The Sons of Tikvah Band will be starring in the second "Raise Our Voices" concert. Dedicated volunteers run this event; your Federation dollars provide the staff expertise, and administrative and technical back-up. Last year we raised \$20,000. Join us for this happy, family event at Congregation Neve Shalom, Metuchen on January 17 at 8 pm. For tickets call Congregation B'nai Tikvah at 732-297-0696 or contact Federation at 732-432-7711 or www.jfgmc.org.

Ann Gold

WHOSE EVENT IS THIS ANYWAY?

On many occasions, our various groups, such as Sisterhood, FiftyPlus, etc., have sponsored interesting programs and speakers with broad appeal to congregants outside of their groups. I often see notices indicating "all welcome to attend". Unfortunately, to the best of my knowledge, it is very rare that non-members of those groups ever show up. At least this has been my experience with some of the great programs sponsored by the Men's Club and New Beginnings.

We need to take the words "all welcome to attend" to heart and not get hung up on the sponsors. Remember our Comedy nights and "That 70's Thing" when everyone showed up? "Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened."

Gary Bergman

SUPERMARKET SCRIP COMMITTEE WAXES POETIC

From the Supermarket Scrip Committee to all of our friends at Congregation B'nai Tikvah, a poem:

**It's December again, but don't feel bluish,
There is a holiday for those who are Jewish.
There will be colorful dreidels to spin
With chocolate gelt as prizes to win.
Latkes from potatoes and onions to fry;
Just don't let the oil splatter in your eye.
Family and friends will join in the fun,
Chanukah means enjoyment for everyone!
So get your menorahs ready to light,
December 19th is the very first night!**

Remember to purchase your potatoes, onions, oil, chocolate gelt, candles, etc. with supermarket scrip. It is available on Sunday mornings during religious school hours, on-line, in the synagogue office, or from your friendly scrip committee members. For further information, contact Bobby Bergman (Chairperson) at 732-246-7285.

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Watch for further info!

Next Cruise Committee Meeting Dec. 4th

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.

B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

50plus

The Fifty Plus Group will meet for our
Hanukah Celebration

on Tuesday, December 23, at 1 p.m. in the Social Hall of the Synagogue. Join us for music and holiday refreshments. The afternoon is free for members and there's a \$3.00 charge for guests. Reservations must be made for both members and guests. Call Doris at 609-860-1498 before December 15.

IT'S A CABARET

Did you enjoy Mandy Linden's acting class?
Now come and see a "Class Act"

Wednesday, December 17 at 8:00 pm. \$10 at the door – refreshments.

For the ridiculously low price of \$10 per ticket, come see the talented duo of Susan Barry & Ethan Cadoff in "It's a Cabaret". An evening of classic romantic songs. Although not an "Adult Act" in the strict definition, this is not a show for the kiddies. Ethan & Susan have an impressive list of credentials (posted at bnaitikvah.org) and have performed with The Savoy Company, a very accomplished group of actors that perform Gilbert & Sullivan in the Philadelphia area. Most recently, Ethan performed in *National Treasure*, a film with Nicolas Cage and Harvey Keitel (due for release in 2004).

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SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

SOCIAL ACTION'S HANUKKAH GIFT IDEA: MAZON CARDS

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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.

December

Macaroni and cheese, canned tuna or canned spaghetti-os

January

Cereal and Parmalat

DONATE YOUR OLD CELL PHONE TO HELP BATTERED WOMEN

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

BUCKINGHAM PLACE

We are developing ways to provide more services and programs to the Jewish residents of Buckingham Place. If you are interested in getting involved in this worthwhile effort, please contact Janice Baer.

Anyone interested in joining the Social Action Committee, please contact Janice Baer at 732-940-0268 or e-mail Janice.Baer@Bnaitikvah.org

It only takes one person to save a life... Could it be you?

For many Jewish children and adults suffering from leukemia and other blood-related diseases, the only hope for a cure is a bone marrow transplant. Tissue type is inherited and the donor pool is not representative of all ethnic groups. The mission of the **Gift of Life Bone Marrow Registry** is to increase the representation of Jewish people in the Registry.

The Gift of Life Bone Marrow Registry will be holding a Donor Drive on December 14, 2003 at Neve Shalom, 250 Grove Ave., Metuchen from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- Eligible donors are between the ages of 18 and 60 and in general good health.
- Registration involves a simple swab of cells from inside the mouth. No blood required.
- Donors will be entered in the Gift of Life Bone Marrow Registry for the benefit of patients worldwide in desperate need of life saving matches.

Neve Shalom will also be holding a blood drive at the same time. For more information about the drives, contact Stacey at 732-205-1934 or tikunolam@verizon.net.

For more information about bone marrow donation, contact Gift of Life Bone Marrow Registry at 800-9-MARROW or see their web site, www.giftoflife.org

DONATE YOUR CAR—EARN MONEY FOR B'NAI TIKVAH

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.

MITZVAH 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 of the Social Action Committee. Suggested items: diapers, wipes, baby soap, powder, lotion, bottles, spill-proof cups, bibs, books, toys and clothes -- anything new that a baby can use.

Now is the time for you to help. Raise your voice for Israel!

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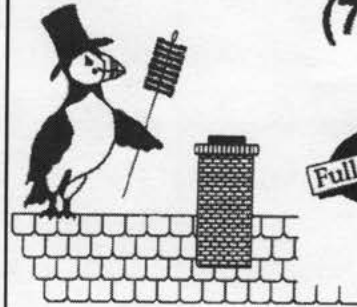
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7 12 Kislev Shai Goldstein ADL Program Chai School Program Gimel Class Program	8 13 Kislev Sisterhood Board	9 14 Kislev Book Club 50+ Board Meeting New Beginnings Cantor's Adult Ed Class	10 15 Kislev Torah Lishma / Adult Ed	11 16 Kislev USY Rock Climbing	12 17 Kislev Birthday Shabbat	13 18 Kislev Bowling League - 9pm
14 19 Kislev Sisterhood Meeting Tallit Making Workshop	15 20 Kislev School Board	16 21 Kislev USY/Kadima Hanukkah Party Cantor's Adult Ed Class	17 22 Kislev It's A Caberet	18 23 Kislev USY Meeting RAC Meeting	19 24 Kislev School/Family Program FIRST NIGHT OF HANUKAH	20 25 Kislev Tot Shabbat HANUKAH
21 26 Kislev Sisterhood/ Men's Club: Evan Live! HANUKAH	22 27 Kislev Nursery School Hanukah Party Congregational Meeting HANUKAH	23 28 Kislev Nursery School Hanukah Party 50+ General Meeting HANUKAH	24 29 Kislev School Winter Break Begins	25 30 Kislev ROSH CHODESH	26 1 Tevet ROSH CHODESH LAST NIGHT OF HANUKAH	27 2 Tevet LAST DAY OF HANUKAH
28 3 Tevet	29 4 Tevet Executive Committee	30 5 Tevet Cantor's Adult Ed Class	31 6 Tevet NEW YEAR'S EVE	Candle Lighting 5 th 4:13 12 th 4:13 19 th 4:15 26 th 4:19	JANUARY S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	