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HAKOL

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Photo by Mitchell Frumkin

STEEL BEING ERECTED FOR OUR NEW WING!

This photo was taken mid-December as a steel column was being moved to its footing. More beams and columns can be seen on ground, ready to complete the framing of the addition.

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OUR HAZZAN'S VOICE

Cantor Bruce Rockman

Three Shabbatot

I am writing this article on Monday morning, December 15, 2003. The 15th of the month is the submission date for Hakol, CBT's monthly synagogue bulletin. I had been thinking about topics for the past week or so, and realized that I had not spoken or written about prayer in quite a while. I did a little reading and a lot of soul searching to come up with this most personal column.

When something very important occurs in our lives, many of us turn to God and our Jewish institutions, especially the synagogue, looking for answers, thus making our synagogue, the rabbi, and prayer central in our lives. Think about your life and the reality of this statement. In joy and sadness we expect and depend on what B'nai Tikvah represents.

As the Cantor of this synagogue, I recognize that as a participant, facilitator, and educator it is my role to communicate with you and with God ... along with you. I am your prayer leader, the messenger to God for the congregation. My prayers are not more important than yours, and they do not replace your own prayers. We all have a need to use the power of prayer privately and individually as part of the community, a minyan.

I would like to share a recent experience with you. A few weeks ago, I was feeling a bit sluggish and I was disappointed with the way I led Shabbat morning services, my voice made my fatigue apparent. There are times when we all need inspiration, and there are times that we lack humility. I was concerned about what the congregation would think, and I was certain, it couldn't be good. All sorts of insecurities raced through my head and I was feeling very down.

During kiddush a dear friend came to me and complemented my davening. Frankly I didn't get it. I knew that my performance was not very good that Shabbat. My wife, Stacey, reassured me, but I still I felt badly. I was not going to

be consoled.

The following week was Sisterhood Shabbat, and the weekend of the double snowstorm. Despite the threatening weather, every woman who was assigned to lead a portion of the service was there. Sisterhood members chanted the entire week's Torah reading, and expertly chanted the Haftarah. Members of Sisterhood led every prayer. I sat with pride as each of these leaders of the congregation delivered optimum effort, all with magnificent results. Ironically, a few of them were not feeling well, but that did not stop them from soaring and leading the congregation in a most emotional and powerful prayer experience. I think I'm getting it now. In an old textbook about prayer, *When A Jew Prays*, by Seymour Rossel, I found this wonderful description of *Kavanah*, the Hebrew expression for intention.

Kavanah is turning words into prayers.

- * Kavanah, is the way you mean something.
- * Kavanah is putting your whole heart into each word of your prayer.
- * Kavanah is saying the words of the prayer book as if the are our own.
- * Kavanah is meeting every word you see for the first time, even when you have seen it a hundred times before.
- * Kavanah is trying to please God through your prayers
- * Kavanah is speaking to God in your own special way: by singing, laughing, dancing, or whispering.
- * Kavanah is feeling the mood of the people you are praying with: the people who sit next to you, the whole congregation that is praying together, the Jewish people who are praying at the same time all around the world, and all the people who pray every where.
- * **Kavanah is turning words into prayers."**

The following week I returned to lead the congregation. It was a very joyous Shabbat, I felt great. We celebrated two simchas, Stacey's and my wedding anniversary and the aufruf of Maya and Neil Cederbaum, who were being married the next day.

On three successive Shabbatot I experienced depression and doubt, pride and awareness, hope and joy. Through study, prayer and faith I was able to remember again why I was leading this beautiful congregation. It is my love of God and the Jewish people. Sometimes it takes a journey, some longer than others, maybe just a vacation. There are times we veer of the road, but we can always come back home. You are always welcome at B'nai Tikvah, in God's house.

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



TOT SHABBAT

Jan. 10 & 24

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 Jan. 10 & 24 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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Arie Behar

Quite often I am asked by congregants what they can do to help Israel. I know that this question has been answered by many people before me, but I will add my two cents. If you ask me to name only one thing that we can do in support of Israel, (although this is a hard question and really almost an unfair one), I would say that the best way to help Israel is "to be a proud Jew." You don't have to be a religious Jew to be a proud Jew.

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If we are proud of our heritage and proud of our tradition; if we read and learn about our history; if we talk about being a Jew and remaining Jewish to our children

and grandchildren; if we go to Jewish film festivals and to Jewish museums and read our local Jewish newspaper; if we actively celebrate the Jewish holidays; if we make our opinion in support of Israel known, and educate ourselves regarding the history of the conflict in the Middle East, so we can argue intelligently - then we are truly supporting Israel.

Of course all the other things that we do on a daily basis in support of Israel are very important. We should continue to buy Israeli Bonds and donate money to a multitude of Jewish causes. We should continue to buy Israeli products whenever we can and we should write letters to newspaper editors. Our congregation has a terrific track record of doing each of these things and we should be very proud of our success as a thriving community, supporting Israel.

The one thing that B'nai Tikvah hasn't done for long time is to visit Israel as a group. There is nothing like visiting Israel to make us feel and understand the importance of Israel's existence to our lives. Because Israel is the very embodiment of Jewish continuity: It is the only nation on earth

that inhabits the same land, bears the same name, speaks the same language, and worships the same God that it did 3,000 years ago. You dig the soil and you find pottery from Davidic times, coins from Bar Kokhba, and 2,000-year-old scrolls written in a script remarkably like the one that today advertises ice cream at the corner candy store. A visit to Israel is unforgettable.

The Rabbi, the Sisterhood, the Men's Club, the Israel Task Force and the Board are sponsoring a trip to Israel next spring. We would like nothing more than to have a full bus.

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At this point 16-20 people have indicated that they are very interested in traveling together. This is terrific - but not enough. We need more of you. We will use this trip as an opportunity to strengthen our relationship with the town of Ramla, and to engage with families and

live the life of an average Israeli. This could be a lifetime opportunity to visit and travel in Israel in a way that no other tour group or organization can offer.

Feel free to call me or the Rabbi or any of the sponsoring groups with any questions regarding the trip. I look forward to seeing many of you at our next Israel Trip meeting sometime in January.

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 Maariv**	9:30 AM Shabbat	**PM*	Mincha/

*As appropriate for the time of year

Babysitting available Shabbat morning 10:00—12:00**

A MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

Cindy Gittleman, V.P. Membership

PROSPECT LIST: We are maintaining a very active list of families in the area who have shown interest in B'nai Tikvah and inviting them to events at the synagogue throughout the year. It is important that this list continue to grow with new names. If you know of neighbors, friends or relatives who have moved to the area or may be looking for a synagogue, please contact Cindy Gittleman.



CHAI SHABBAT FOR 18-YEAR MEMBERS:

Our second Chai Shabbat will be held this spring, to honor and celebrate families and individuals who had an 18th anniversary of membership since the last Chai Shabbat in 2003. All members who joined 18 or more years ago should receive a letter in January inviting them to help plan the event. We don't want to leave anyone out: *If you've been a member for 18 years or more but have not received a letter or call by the end of January, please call Mark Roller at 732 297-7055.*

ISRAEL TASKFORCE

Alan Kane, Chairperson

An Accord to Remember

By YOSSI BEILIN and YASIR ABED RABBO. As Published in The New York Times December 1, 2003 Op-Ed Page

GENEVA - Today, civic leaders from across the Israeli and Palestinian political spectrum are gathering here to publicize what has become known as the Geneva Accord - a negotiated but unofficial framework for reaching a permanent peace between our two peoples after years of bloodshed and lost and shattered lives.

The accord lays out, for the first time, what a credible and negotiable Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement could look like. In the process, it addresses all the major differences between the parties, including security arrangements, the shape of permanent borders, the status of Jerusalem, the future of West Bank settlements, the rights of refugees and access to holy places.

The initiative dates to January 2001, when the last official talks between Israel and the Palestinians ended at Taba. As participants in the negotiations, we both were left with the feeling that we could have reached an agreement had we been given a few more weeks.

Unfortunately, our Israeli and Palestinian colleagues in the negotiations felt that the gaps were too large to be bridged. After the Israeli elections of 2001, when Ehud Barak lost to Ariel Sharon, the two of us agreed to try to complete the work at Taba - as private citizens. We wanted to find common ground and demonstrate to both Israelis and Palestinians that despite all the frustration, disappointment and, most of all, violence, we could keep meaningful discussions going.

Our path was filled with obstacles. During this period, Israelis were forbidden from entering the Palestinian territories; Palestinians, meanwhile, found it difficult to obtain permission to enter Israel and to travel abroad. Thus, sometimes we would meet at checkpoints, where we negotiated in a car. On other occasions, the Swiss government made it possible for us to meet abroad.

To support our effort, we built broad coalitions. On the Israeli side were people who identified with the Likud, Shinui, Labor and Meretz parties as well as retired senior officials, economists and intellectuals. On the Palestinian side were officials from Yasir Arafat's Fatah faction, parliamentarians and leading academics.

Finally, in October, we were able to put on the table a 50-page agreement, including detailed maps. The document is complicated and thus difficult to summarize, but its central idea is that in exchange for peace with Israel, the Palestinians would at last gain a nonmilitarized state. The Palestinians

would also get sovereignty over the Temple Mount, though Jewish access to the holy spot would be guaranteed by an international security force. In addition, Israel would have the opportunity to keep some West Bank settlements, including many of the new Jewish communities constructed on the Arab side of Jerusalem.

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We know that our accord is not universally popular in the Middle East. Indeed, opposition to the agreement began to mount even before our joint document was made public. Hard-liners in Israel have criticized the details of the agreement as well as the private, diplomatic process we used for reaching it. In the West Bank and Gaza, meanwhile, rejectionists in Hamas and Islamic Jihad have held angry rallies attacking the initiative and those who shaped it.

Yet, in spite of this opposition, we are pleased that the accord seems

to be having a positive impact on the negotiating environment. Copies of our document have been sent to every Israeli household and published in the major Palestinian newspapers. More significant, a recent survey conducted by the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy at Rice University and the International Crisis Group in Washington found that more than 50 percent of Palestinians and Israelis support the fundamental principles contained in the document.

It is important that this interest also be felt strongly in the international community. We are pleased that Prime Minister Tony Blair of Britain, Kofi Annan, the United Nations secretary general, and Igor Ivanov, the Russian foreign minister, have voiced their support for the initiative. It is even more important, in our view, that the Bush administration and Congress support our efforts and re-engage in the peace process. Secretary of State Colin Powell's praise for the accord was gratifying, but more American voices are needed to ensure that progress continues.

In the end, however, the Geneva Accord is only a "virtual" agreement. The decision-makers - in the Israeli government and the Palestinian Authority, in Washington and elsewhere - can use it, modify it or ignore it. As private citizens, we have done about as much as anybody can do in a situation that has become totally unbearable. Now it is up to our leaders.

Yossi Beilin is a former Israeli justice minister. Yasir Abed Rabbo is a former minister of information for the Palestinian Authority.

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
FEBRUARY HAKOL
must be in by
January 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

Adult Education Programs Winter 2004

Wednesdays from 7:45pm to 9:30pm



January 7 January 14	FRIDAY NIGHT & SHABBAT SERVICES: WHAT YOU WANT TO KNOW BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK.	Jeff Schwartz, Esq
January 21 January 28 February 4	ISRAEL/ARAB CONFLICT	Arie Behar
February 11 February 18 February 25	FINDING THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS	Azzan Yadin, PhD Rutgers University
March 3 March 10	JEWISH GENEALOGY	Joel Gerbman
March 17 March 24	SPIRITUALITY & SENSUALITY IN "SONG OF SONGS": AN OLD LOVE SONG TURNED SACRED	Kerry Olitzky, PhD Jewish Outreach Institute
March 31	ALCOHOL/DRUG USE & ABUSE A PARENT & CHILD PROGRAM	Adrienne Coleman Rutgers University
April 14	LIVING WILLS	Sheila Hordon, Esq.
April 21 April 28 May 5	JEWISH SOCIETY & CULTURE: ORIGINS TO 1492	Azzan Yadin, Ph.D. Rutgers University
May 12 May 19	RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE SEXUAL HARASSMENT	Ruth Anne Koenick Rutgers University
June 2	ADULT DAY CARE	Gwen Simon, RN Debbie Kiel, RN
June 9	LABOR LAW	John Wolf, Esq. Rutgers University

NO PROGRAMS ON APRIL 7 AND MAY 26

Programs are FREE and everyone is invited to attend. No prior knowledge is required. Light refreshments served. For additional information, contact the synagogue office at 732-297-0696.

Thanksgiving For Religious Freedom

Judy Roller's Speech at the Interfaith Service, Nov. 23, 2003

Good Evening and thank you for this opportunity to express how grateful I am to be here. It's been a long journey. It's still hard for me to believe that I am speaking to this assembly of individuals - who are as diverse as we are numerous - and to this interfaith community in this beautiful and historic building. Why is this so special, you might ask? Let me invite you on a little journey so I can tell you how miraculous it is that God has brought me here to this Thanksgiving celebration.

My name is Judy Roller. I came to the United States when I was 14 years old, the child of Jewish Holocaust survivors. I was born in a town in Transylvania where my father's family was from. Along with many young men like him, my father returned at the end of World War II to his home town after liberation to be reunited with his fiancée, his parents, brothers and his beloved



younger sister. They had however perished in the concentration camps to which they were deported. Before long the iron curtain descended and he was trapped, trapped in the land where at first their Jewishness cost people their lives, and then communism robbed them of freedom.

My parents married and somehow managed to restart their lives. From earliest childhood I remember them discussing their desire to live in freedom -- in quiet whispers of course, making plans to leave on a moment's notice. I remained an only child, as were most of my co-religionist friends in town, a reminder of our parents' uncertainty and distrust of their future. It was hard to live as Jews, and we improvised. School was 6 days a week including Saturdays. While attendance was not ordinarily enforced, the authorities took note of the Jewish children's attendance on the Jewish Sabbath, and threatened parents if they kept their children home. So on Saturday mornings children went to school, adults went to the synagogue. When we all came together we continued our observance of Shabbat with a festive meal, with friends, with song, behind closed doors in the safety of our home.

Jewish educators were accused of poisoning children's minds with religious ideas and were sent to prison. The community then rallied to their side by supporting the families that were left without a breadwinner. Volunteers like my mother went door to door for donations. They did not keep written records of donor or recipient names for fear of implicating anyone.

One year when I was 8 or 9 years old I remember a rumor electrified the entire community during Yom Kippur services. There were nine synagogues in town, every one of them was filled to capacity on this holiest day of the year. Mr. Weisz came from one of the other synagogues with a message. Applications were being accepted for exit visas at the county courthouse --that's what most of the Jewish community including my parents were waiting for. In other smaller Jewish communities these applications were not only distributed but were already being accepted and acted on. I was a child but I sensed the anger and frustration at this act of religious harassment of an entire community-it was a test of wills that had to be met. The Rabbi decided that it was permissible to pick up and fill out the applications even though it was the solemn day of Yom Kippur. We now know just how important that decision was.

We came to New York City, and we started a new life when I was 14 and my parents were around 50 years old. My father worked two jobs, and my mother went to work for the first time in her life. The road to personal, political, educational and religious freedom was hard fought, and we relished it. We never missed a chance to vote. We discovered a society that gave each minority group the right to worship God and give thanks in its own way for all the blessings bestowed on us.

My parents were awed by this society. They saw people of different races and religions live not only side by side but socialize together, attend each others' life cycle events, and support each other in times of crisis. They personally remained outsiders in that society due to language and other barriers, but were awed nevertheless and saw me integrated into it.

Fast forward to the year 2003:

I have enjoyed a 34-year career at a company that was very good to me, I have been blessed with a wonderful family, two grown children, and I am an active member of congregation Bnai Tikva, the Jewish community center of North and South Brunswick. We are an egalitarian congregation. We are larger than the little synagogue where my parents worshiped when I was a youngster - women participate in all aspects of synagogue life with the same rights and responsibilities as men -- but we respect tradition nevertheless. My husband and I are continuing to study and learn. We tried to give our own children an appreciation for the importance of freedom, and diversity, and an appreciation for their heritage, and we hope we've succeeded.

In closing let me say
 God Bless America,
 God bless this Congregation,
 and let me wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

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

Raise Our Voices For Israel II *Concert*

“From Bima to Broadway”

Saturday, January 17, 2004, 8:00 PM
Congregation Neve Shalom
250 Grove Avenue, Metuchen

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- * Cantor Anna West Ott and the Anshe Emeth Choir *
- * Cantor Bruce Rockman and the Sons of Tikvah Band ***
- * Cantor Faith Steinsnyder, the B'nai Shalom Choir and Cantor David Perper *
- * Diane Uniman and the B'nai Tikvah Choir ***

Participating organizations:

The Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County – Anshe Emeth Memorial Temple – Congregation B'nai Tikvah – Congregation B'nai Shalom – Congregation Neve Shalom – East Brunswick Jewish Center – Etz Chaim Monroe Twp.-JCC of Middlesex County – Hadassah of Alissa, Colonia, East Brunswick, Metuchen/Edison/Gesher, Monroe, Old Bridge, Raritan Valley and Woodbridge – Highland Park Conservative Temple – Jewish Family and Vocational Service – Jewish Family Service of Southern Middlesex County – Temple Beth-El, Edison – Temple Emanu – El

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS

Ann Kanarek, Director

FAMILY EDUCATION

PACT: Parents and Children Together

In the upcoming months, most families with students in the religious school will be invited to attend school with their children for our grade level PACT programs. For some parents these programs are annual affairs, for others new to B'nai Tikvah, they are something never experienced before. The name PACT (Parents and Children Together), is an indication that the program allows for families to DO SOMETHING TOGETHER.

Since the advent of family education in congregational religious schools, this kind of programming has become an integral part of our curriculum. Through family experiences, whether learning a new song, engaging in discussion, doing an art project or dramatic production, the goal of transmitting some aspect of Judaism in a meaningful manner to the whole family is realized.

We hope that participating in these programs will inspire families to take the opportunity to do more together Jewishly. Please join us when your child's class is scheduled for its PACT program. Come on time, be prepared to participate and to learn and have a wonderful time while doing so.

What Did You Do in School Today?

Parents often want to discuss with their child events that happened in school, but don't know what to ask or say other than "What did you do?," which often elicits a "Nothing" response. Here is a short list of questions/statement designed to facilitate discussion:

1. Teach me something that you learned today.
2. Show me what pages you read in school today?
3. What question did you ask today?
4. Let's read one of your Hebrew pages together.
5. What prayer did you discuss today?
6. What does that prayer mean to you?
7. What story did you read in Bible today?

WINTER WEATHER SCHOOL CLOSINGS

In the event that it becomes necessary to cancel school due to inclement weather, every effort will be made to ensure that school closing announcement are made on **WCTC 1450 AM and WMGQ 98.3 FM**. School closings will be automatic at the cancellation of North or South Brunswick schools.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR AND EVENTS:

Sunday, January 4:

HEI CLASS PACT: Tallit making workshop, 2:00-5:00pm. (Please note there is no regular Hebrew school session for the hei class in the morning)

Saturday, January 10:

HEI CLASS Shabbat service (9:30am) and luncheon

Sunday, January 11:

KINDERGARTEN PACT: *Shema Pajama Party*, 9:00am

Sunday, January 18:

NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, *Professional Growth Day*

Monday, January 19:

NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, *Martin Luther King Day*

Sunday, January 25:

CHAI SCHOOL: Special Program: *Theater Ariel*
C.A.F.E. program: Bet class: Designing unique Siddur covers (During regular school hours)

Sunday, February 1:

DALET CLASS PACT:

Bridges of Mitzvot County, 10:00am

Hei class: C.A.F.E. program: Making your own special Mezzuzah (During school hours)

Sunday, February 8:

NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL,

B'nai Tikvah hosts USY Convention

Sunday, February 15 and Monday February 16th:

NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, *President's Weekend*



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

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Fran Pearson, Director

Happy secular New Year! Our nursery school children returned to school filled with enthusiasm and ready to continue their fun in learning. With winter all around us we have planned several fun filled activities and special programs to keep our children warm and active.

Beat the Winter Blahs...

Don't be left out in the cold! It's not too late to sign-up for our fabulous afternoon enrichment programs. Join our brand new Tuesday and/or Thursday "drop-in enrichment" program that gives our children the opportunity to sample some of our afternoon classes.

New Shabbat Program...

In January parents will be invited to sign-up for a specific Friday during the year and participate with their child and their child's class in celebrating Shabbat. Our children will light candles, say the blessings for wine and challah and sing Shabbat songs.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parents should sign-up now for a conference date and time. Sign-up sheets are posted on classroom doors. If a parent cannot make the scheduled conference dates an alternate date can be arranged.

Mommy & Me Registration

Registration for our Mommy & Me Programs and Toddler Fun Club is now taking place. Meet new friends while your little one has lots of fun! (Limited openings in some classes). All temple members receive a discount. Please call the nursery school office for a registration packet and further information at (732) 297-0295.

Pre-K Special Stellar Space Program

Our Pre-k children will be discovering the wonders of space in this exciting interactive program. They will learn about stars, comets and our planet earth. This program will spark our children's imaginations with a hands-on project and a visual demonstration.

Registration 2004 is coming...

Registration for the 2004-2005 school year will begin on Wednesday, January 28th. Temple members will receive priority registration and tuition discounts. For registration information and packets please contact the nursery school office at (732) 297-0295. The nursery school will be holding an open house on Wednesday, February 4th from 9:00am to 11:00 am for prospective new families.

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NURSERY SCHOOL CALENDAR JANUARY / FEBRUARY

Monday, January 5:

School Reopens

Tuesday, January 13:

Pre-k Parent Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, January 14:

Three-year-old Parent Teacher Conferences

Thursday, January 15:

Pre-k Parent Teacher Conferences

Friday, January 16:

Three-year-old Parent Teacher Conferences

Monday, January 19:

NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King's Birthday

Tuesday, January 27:

Two year old Parent Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, January 28:

Registration for 2004-2005 school year begins.

Thursday, January 29:

Pre-k Stellar Space Program

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JAN. 31st

8:00 PM

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Green Eggs and What?

We all know the story of Green Eggs and Ham. I received this in an e-mail, and thought I would share it with all of your. The National Education Association is celebrating "Read Across America" by encouraging adults to read to children. Of course, Green Eggs and Ham is one of the most popular Dr. Seuss books. And, there's the dilemma. How can Jewish kids celebrate with green eggs and HAM? So, in honor of (and with apologies to the estate of Dr. Seuss) here's a new ending for the story:

Will you never see?

They are not KOSHER, so let me be!
I will not eat green eggs and ham.
I will not eat them, Sam-I-am
But I'll eat green eggs with a biscuit!
Or I will try them with some brisket.
I'll eat green eggs in a box.
If you serve them with some lox.
And those green eggs are worth a try
Scrambled up in matzo brie!
And in a boat upon the river,
I'll eat green eggs with chopped liver!
So if you're a Jewish Dr. Seuss fan,
But troubled by green eggs and ham,
Let your friends in on the scoop:
Green eggs taste best with chicken soup!

AND.....

Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream is now available in Israel in the following flavors: Wailing Walnut, Moishmellow, Mazel Toffee, Chazalnut, Oy Ge-malt, Mi Ka-mocha, Soda and Gamorra, Bernard Malamint, Berry Pr'i Hagafen, Choc-Eilat Chip, and finally...Simchas T'oreo. It should also be noted that all these flavors come in a Cohen.

PLEASE NOTE: All parts of this article are a joke. Although some of the flavors may exist, it is all meant as a joke. If you liked this article, then come join USY and make some fun memories like this one!!

B'ahava,
Ilana Katronetsky
Communications VP 03-04

KADIMA

Kadima@bnaitikvah.org

I am pleased to announce that we are close to fifty members this year in our Kadima chapter, which is an outstanding number which everyone should be proud of. Participation at our events so far has also been outstanding. We have initiated an award program to Kadimanack with perfect attendance at events for a 3 month period, the award being 2 free movie tickets to Regal Cineman. Our first winners were Dana Speesler and Marc Katronetsky, congratulations to both. Our Kadima board for the 2003-2004 year, which was recently elected consists of Ben Ehrlich, Melissa Feldman, Benjy Levin, Keren Brown, and Ellis Klein, again kudos to all.

Some fun events this year have included Chinese Food and Movie Night, crazy laser tag, roller skating, Shabbaton and Dance, and Pizza in the Sukkah. Enrollment for Kadima is still ongoing so if anyone still has interest they're welcome. Some future exciting 2004 events are Spring Weekend, Great Adventure Day, a Sadie Hawkins Dance, and Yad b'Yad bowling as well as many, many chapter events. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

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

KADIMA CALENDAR

January 11 1:45-8 pm
Kadima Day at the JCC in Deal, NJ

January 22 7-9 pm
Kadima Talent Show at the Synagogue.

USY CALENDAR

Jan 8: I love the 80's Night
Jan 10: Youth Service
Jan 17: SA/TO Dance
Jan 24: Fiddler on the Roof on Broadway
Feb 1-5: Set up for Mid-Winter
Feb 6-8: MID-WINTER CONVENTION



B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

MEN'S CLUB MEETS JANUARY 11

This month's Men's Club meeting will take place on Sunday, January 11, 2004 at 10am. Men's Club members and friends will receive a mailing announcing the program. Bagels and lox buffet breakfast will be \$4 per person.

SCRAPBOOKING GROUP MEETS JANUARY 7

Our B'nai Tikvah Scrapbooking Group is having a lot of fun working on album projects together. Come to a workshop and enjoy this social and meaningful night out. Newcomers and experienced scrapbookers welcome!!

Reservations required. To reserve a spot, please contact Jodi Marcou@comcast.net or call 732/422-6628. Locations may vary.

Upcoming Dates: January 7 starting at 7PM
February 11 starting at 7PM.

IT WAS A FUN CABARET- SEE YOU AT THE COMEDY CAFE

Had it been billed as a "comedy night", it might have been a bit of a let down. But Ethan's brilliant portrayal as the guy who "just doesn't get it", was a very refreshing and comedic relief of the type of "romantic evening" that most of us were expecting. Between the "guys that don't get it" and "women that want it", the evening was filled with some things to laugh at and some things that touched the heart. If you're ever in the Philadelphia area, don't pass up a chance to see Susan Barry and Ethan Cadoff in their next performance. Ethan will soon be appearing in the movie "National Treasure", starring Nicolas Cage and Harvey Keitel. See you at the Comedy Night,



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USY REGIONAL CONVENTION COMING IN FEBRUARY!

HOUSING AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Congregation B'nai Tikvah will be hosting this year's Hagalil Region Mid-winter convention on the weekend of February 6-8th. This convention will bring approximately 300 High School students to our community to share in a weekend of prayer, learning and of course, socializing.

As their hosts, we need to insure they have a place to sleep and the ability to attend the functions. We are reaching out to you, as members of our community, for your help.

HOSTING: The USYers bring their own sleeping bags, pillows and towels. They EXPECT to sleep on the floor. All meals, with the exception of breakfast on Saturday, are provided at the synagogue. As a host, you will need to insure they are at the synagogue at the appropriate time (Friday afternoon, Saturday morning and Sunday morning), are picked up Friday evening, Saturday at 6:15 p.m. (they spend all of Saturday at the synagogue) and take them to their dance from 8:30-11:30. They return to the synagogue Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. PLEASE consider hosting.

Live within 1.5 miles of the synagogue? There are many USYers who do not ride in a car on Shabbos and thus we need to insure that those young adults with this level of commitment are not left out! *If you live within walking distance of the synagogue (less than 1.5 miles), we are in particular need of homes for these children.*

VOLUNTEERS: Unable to host? Perhaps you can help on Friday afternoon with dropping luggage off at other host homes? Or able to help another host transport their guests so they can make one trip rather than three.

Enjoy the sounds of Shabbat Z'miro? Help serve a Shabbos meal and listen to the Youth lift their spirits as they sing together.

Help make this convention one of the best by demonstrating the warmth and hospitality of our community. To volunteer, just contact the Youth committee at Youth@bnaitikvah.org OR contact Adrienne Ross at 732-422-0637.

Looking forward to seeing you February 6-8th, 2004!

Adrienne Ross

Congregation B'nai Tikvah
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The 5th Annual

(all right we took a year off last year and boy did we get grief for it, so technically it's not the 5th annual show, but who's really counting anyway? okay, probably you...so we're sorry that we didn't have the show last year and please forgive us and join us this year for the best ever...)

Comedy Café

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front or back row): \$45 per person

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(732.297.3780)
or send email to
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B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

SISTERHOOD

January Calendar

Jan. 11 - 3:00pm - Tea with author Joan Leegant who will be discussing her new book, *An Hour in Paradise*. Copies can still be obtained by e-mailing Joanne Gorelick at jbforelick@comcast.net. The price is \$10 for Sisterhood members and \$13 for nonmembers. Bring your book to the meeting and have it signed by the author! The Social Action Committee requests that you bring children's books and puzzles to the meeting.

Feb. 8 - 3pm - Join us for our first CHILDREN'S FASHION SHOW. Fashions are by Nordstrom and models by the Babes of Tikvah. It's \$18 for adults and \$5 for children 5 - 13. Children under 5 are free. Door prizes, raffles, and a 50/50 are all part of the excitement. Invitations will be going out shortly but if you can't wait contact Lynn Biderman at 732-297-6691 or Linda Feinstein at 732-329-3185. Be sure to attend. Please RSVP before January 20, 2004

Feb. 22 - 10:00AM- Are you one of those people who never throws anything away? Join us at our next meeting and **Lizette Leon of Get Organized!** will be offering tips on how to organize your home. This meeting is a "Don't miss."

Are you missing out on all the fun? It's never too late to join Sisterhood. Come to the next meeting and meet old friends and new. Become a member now!!

**Volunteers are needed
to help with Purim
Shalach Manot baskets!**

**If you would like to help,
contact Carol Schultz at 732-438-0176
or online at learnmom@aol.com.**

✓ SAVE THIS DATE!

Sunday, February 8, 2004 @ 3pm

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.

Sisterhood Shabbat

December 6, 2003

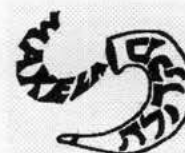
There may have been blizzard-like conditions outside, but inside B'nai Tikvah, we gathered to celebrate Shabbat in a warm, fun, atmosphere. Approximately 50 people weathered the storm to join the women of Sisterhood on December 6th. We led services, including all the Torah readings and Haftarah. Bobbi Binder lead P'sukei Dzimra, Stacey Rockman lead Shacharit, Jodi Eligberg lead the Torah services, and Ruth Anne Koenick made sure that we were always on the correct page. Our Torah readers were Bobbi Binder, Jodi Eligberg, Cindy Gittman, Rene'e Levin, Teresa Samtur, and Phyllis Safeer. Ruth Anne chanted Haftarah beautifully, with a few emotional tears at the end. To those women who braved the storm, we appreciate that you came out to accept your honor. Yasher Koach to all for a job well done. To those of you who couldn't attend, you were missed.

A special thank you to Marc Binder for making sure that the service ran smoothly. Who could have predicted such weather in December? Thanks to Andrea Katz, we had enough food for 150 people. Larry Cohen, Steve Levin and Barry Safeer took over kitchen duty and set up the entire lunch for everyone there. (Maybe we should send the men into the kitchen more often, they did a great job!)

This service allows the women of B'nai Tikvah to participate in services, learn a new skill and receive an honor for the first time. We hope that those women who participated will continue to do so in the future.

Bobbi Binder

MAKELAH NEWS



Can't travel to Israel? Can't think of another way to make a statement to demonstrate your support? Raise your voices for Israel by attending the *Bima to Broadway* concert Saturday evening January 17, 2004 at 8:00 PM at Neve Shalom in Metuchen. The funds raised will be used to help the victims of terrorism in Israel.

The B'nai Tikvah Makelah will be performing both a capella and accompanied by the Sons of Tikvah. Not only will the Makelah be singing *Miriam's Song*, *Avinu Shebashamayim* and *Yerushalayim Shel Zahav*, but will be joining the Mercaz regional choir and all the other local synagogue choirs singing *Hatikvah* and *God Bless America* in Yiddish.

All sopranos, altos, tenors and basses are invited to join the B'nai Tikvah Makelah in song. Please call Marty Angstreich: 732-422-8781, Cantor Rockman: 732-297-0696 or Cheryl Asnis: 732-297-5379 for further information.

B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

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For further info, or to arrange pick-up or drop-off, contact one of our local "Art Dealers" (CBT members).

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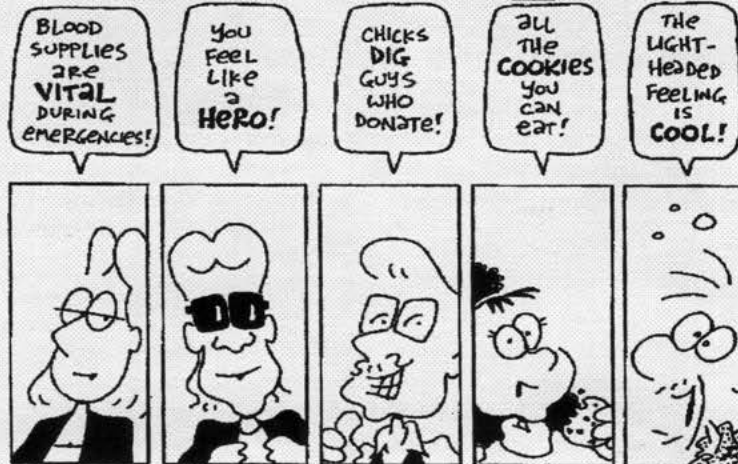
NEW CHAVURAH GROUPS FORMING



The Membership Committee is forming Chavurah Groups as another way of helping our members become more connected with one another. A Chavurah is a small group of "friends" that come together on a regular basis to enjoy activities promoting Jewish family life. If you are interested in becoming involved in a Chavurah group, please contact CBT's Membership VP, Cindy Gittleman at Membership@bnaitikvah.org

LET'S DONATE BLOOD!

THANKS TO KEITH ROBINSON & MAKING IT PRODUCTIONS



B'nai Tikvah's Post-Playoffs BLOOD DRIVE Sunday, January 25th, 11am to 3pm

Here are some more reasons to join us...

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- § One out of every 10 people entering a hospital needs blood.
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- § About three gallons of blood supports the entire nation's blood needs for one minute.
- § Much of today's medical care depends on a steady supply of blood from healthy donors.
- § Platelets help blood to clot and give those with leukemia and other cancers a chance to live.
- § The average bone marrow transplant requires 120 units of platelets and about 20 units of red blood cells.
- § Severe burn victims can need 20 units of platelets during their treatment.
- § Children being treated for cancer, and those having heart surgery need blood and platelets from donors of all types.
- § Anemic patients need blood transfusions to increase their iron levels.
- § Cancer, transplant, trauma, and patients undergoing open-heart surgery require platelet transfusions to survive.

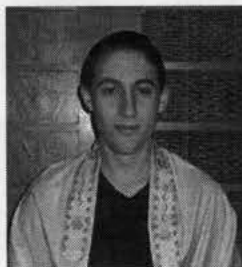
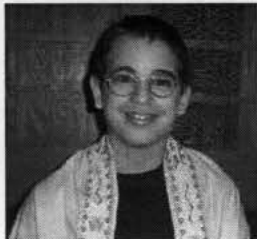
**If you have any questions, or would like to help with the Blood Drive:
Please call Marty Engel @732 297-3198**

B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

JANUARY B'NAI MITZVAH

Daniel Garten
January 17, 2004

Son of
Albert & Phyllis Garten

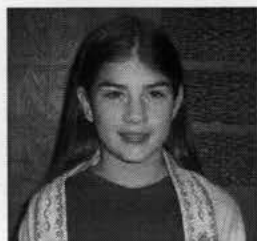


Ellis Klein
January 24, 2004

Son of
Ron and Jennifer Klein

Anna Rothfus
January 31, 2004

Daughter of
Joel and Jamie Rothfus



MENSA TESTING: CAN YOU QUALIFY?

Last June, thousands of people across the country tested their intelligence during the two-hour Fox special, "Test the Nation". If you or your friends missed the program, you'll have the opportunity to retest this spring.

"Test the Nation 2" is scheduled to air on Friday, March 5th on Fox stations nationwide. Mensa will once again be assisting with preparations for the program by testing a large group of candidates that will be compared to the people on the show.

This testing will be free of charge and, if you qualify, you will be invited to join Mensa. The normal cost of the Mensa admission test is \$30.00.

If you are between 18 and 70 years old, enjoy riddles, puzzles and memory games, come take the challenge on **Wednesday, January 21, from 6:45 to 9:30 PM** (with a break for evening service). Contact Hadas at the Synagogue office for more details and to register.

Very limited seating. Register early.

From The Webmaster

B'nai Tikvah's eGroups

B'nai Tikvah maintains a dozen different email accounts at Yahoo.com for various groups & committees. Most are "private" for groups such as New Beginnings, Sons of Tikvah, Men's Club, etc. but, two of these accounts are designed to be used by all congregants.

1. **The CBT E-mail Newsletter** is sent from the webmaster every Thursday, and occasionally when a notice of a Shivah Minyan or Mitzvah is in order. We do our utmost to make these announcements brief, easy to read, and yet provide you with "what's happening". If you're feeling disconnected, just call the office or email webmaster@bnaitikvah.org and ask for the newsletter.

2. **The eGroup@BnaiTikvah.org** is a general, uncensored, discussion group where opinions and information about our community, or anything related to Jewish culture, is openly discussed. It's also a good place to share jokes, recipes, political commentaries, and ask for help or offer advice to your fellow congregants. Any congregant that receives this mailing list can also post a message to it.

Committee Chairs @ Bnaitikvah

Our newest eGroup (Chairs@BnaiTikvah.org) is designed to help foster communication between all those who are involved, in one way or another, in the planning, organizing, and execution of synagogue activities & events. If you are, or would like to be, an active leader of our community, our webmaster would be happy to include you on this list.

Gary Bergman, Webmaster

@ bnaitikvah.org

Cool links on our website:

Online Supermarket Scrip order form: Are you buying your monthly scrip to support CBT and reduce your dues?
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Candle Lighting times for Shabbat and Holidays:
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The weekly Parshah, with reading signup form:
<http://bnaitikvah.org/readings.html>

B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

50plus

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY" DRIVE

For the month of January, we will be collecting all items for a child's birthday party. Items such as party hats, goody bag toys, party favors, napkins, tablecloths, plates, cups, napkins, candles, etc. These items will be donated to a homeless shelter so that the children living there will be able to celebrate their birthdays. Please bring donated items to the religious school office or the synagogue office. Please do not place them in the Mitzvah Crib!

THANK YOU FOR HELPING NEEDY FAMILIES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Thanks to all those who participated in the "Help a Needy Family for The Holidays" program. Because of your time and generosity, 15 families will approach the New Year with many of the basic resources most of us take for granted.

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.

January

Cereal and Parmalat

February

Juice boxes, Snacks for Lunches, and Canned Fruit

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

The Fifty Plus Group will meet on Tuesday, January 27, at 1 p.m. in the Social Hall of the Synagogue. Join us for an afternoon of entertainment by many of our talented members. If you would like to participate in the program, call Doris at 609-860-1498. Simple reading parts are available. Guests and prospective members are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

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Binder's 20th wedding anniversary

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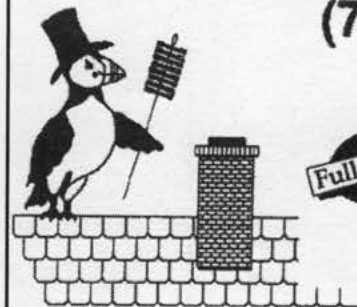
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