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# HAKOL

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# PASSOVER

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## PASSOVER

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## PASSOVER SCHEDULE

### Mehirat Hamets: Selling the Leaven

Sunday, April 4, 7:00 - 8:30 PM in the Synagogue office.

### Fast of the First Born/Siyyum:

Monday, April 5, 7:00 AM

No Hamets may be eaten after  
10:51 AM on Monday, April 5

Burning of Hamets by Monday, April 5, 11:56 AM

Nullification of Hamets by Monday, April 5, 1:00 PM

### First Day of Passover

Minha/Ma'ariv Service: Monday, April 5, 7:00 PM

Candle Lighting, Monday, April 5, 7:05 PM

FIRST SEDER

Shahareet Service: Tuesday, April 6, 10:00AM

Minha: Tuesday, April 6, Following Kiddush

### Second Day of Passover

Ma'ariv Service: Tuesday, April 6, 8:00 PM

Candle Lighting: Tuesday, April 6, 8:14 PM

SECOND SEDER

Shahareet Service: Wednesday, April 7, 10:00 AM

Minha/Ma'ariv Service: Wednesday, April 7, 7:30 PM

### Shabbat Hol HaMoed

Mincha/Ma'ariv: Friday, April 9, 7:00 PM

Candle Lighting: Friday, April 9, 7:12 PM

Shahareet: Saturday, April 10, 9:30 AM

Mincha/Ma'ariv: Saturday, April 10, 7:00 PM

### Seventh Day of Passover

Candle Lighting: Sunday, April 11, 7:15 PM

Minha/Ma'ariv: Sunday, April 11, 7:00 PM

Shahareet Service: Monday, April 12, 9:30 AM

### Eighth Day of Passover

Candle Lighting: Monday, April 12 8:15 PM

Minha/Ma'ariv Service: Monday, April 12, 7:15 PM

Shahareet: Tuesday, April 13, 9:30 AM

*Yizkor is recited as part of the morning service.*

Minha/Ma'ariv Service: Tuesday, April 13, 7:15 PM

Passover ends Tuesday, April 13, 8:24 PM

## YOM HASHOAH/ YOM HA'ATZMAUT

### Yom HaShoah

#### Holocaust Remembrance Day

Sunday, April 18

Light the yellow Yahrzeit candle on  
Saturday night *-after 8:20 PM*

Sunday morning services are at 9:00 AM and  
will incorporate a special section for Yom  
HaShoah. After a short break, the presenta-  
tion of "The Last Bridge" will begin.



### Yom Ha'atzmaut Israel Independence Day

*Celebrate the Spirit of Israel.*

**Monday, April 26  
at 7:30 PM**

Music and Dramatic readings.

Performances by:

Sons of Tikvah Band

And a Sing-a-long with the "Sons"  
plus Kol Tikvah and The Makehla.

## SHAVUOT

Shavuot commemorates the awesome event experienced by the children of Israel seven weeks after the exodus from Egypt when they camped at the foot of Mount Sinai somewhere in the Sinai Peninsula. This event was the Revelation, when God's will was revealed to Israel. It marked the declaration of the Ten Commandments. Though these commandments do not constitute the entire Torah, which consists of 613 commandments (taryag mitzvot), they were its foundation. These Ten Commandments also became the moral bedrock for much of western civilization.

While the exact manner of this communication between God and man is not known and was always subject to various opinions by the great thinkers and Sages of Israel, it was an event of awesome proportions and a unique spiritual experience that indelibly stamped the Israelites with their unique character, their faith, and their destiny.

In the prayerbook, this festival is referred to as z'man matan Torataynoo, "the season of giving of our Torah," for this is the dominant theme of the festival. The everlasting significance of this theme is emphasized by the answer to the question of why this festival is not called "the season of the receiving of our Torah" instead. The answer is that while the giving may have taken place at one time and the occasion can be commemorated, the receiving of the Torah by Jews must continue to take place every day and everywhere.

The name Shavuot, by which name the Torah refers to the festival, means simply "weeks" and is derived from the fact that it is observed after seven full weeks of counting from the second day of Passover. The Talmud used the name Atzeret (which implies a concluding festival) by which to refer to it, an indication that the Sages regarded it as tied to and concluding the festival of Passover.

Its significance as an agricultural festival in the land of Israel is also reflected by two other names by which this festival is known: Hag Hakatzir, "the Festival of the Harvest," for it marks the harvesting of the wheat, the last grain harvest of the season, and Yom HaBikkurim, the "Day of the First Fruits," for it also marks the beginning of the fruit harvest and was the occasion for the bringing of the first ripe fruits to the Temple as an offering of thanksgiving.

*By Chaim Donin.*

#### Meditation For Candle Lighting

May the light of these candles help inspire us to love You with all our hearts. May their warmth and glow radiate kindness, harmony, and joy among the members of my family; may love and devotion bind us closer to one another and to You. Amen.

Compassionate Creator of all life, embrace my life and my family's life with Your lovingkindness. May my children walk in Your ways, loyal to the Torah and adorned with good deeds. Bless our home and our family with peace and light and joy. Amen.

*from Sim Shalom*



## SHAVUOT

### Tikkun Layl Shavuot

#### Study Through the Night

#### *Celebrate Receiving the Torah at Mount Sinai*

Tuesday evening, May 25, 8 p.m. - midnight

Join us as we welcome the major pilgrimage festival of Shavuot. Our special holiday celebration tinged with aspects of Jewish mysticism will be held at the synagogue. The evening begins at 8:00 p.m. with our Shavuot prayers followed by a festive dairy seudah (meal).

We then continue with a Tikkun Layl Shavuot studying, discussing and engaging in dialogue until midnight. Refreshments will be available all evening as we celebrate the anniversary of God giving the Torah to our ancestors.

### Ice Cream Kiddush

On Wednesday and Thursday, May 26 & 27 we hold our special "ice cream kiddush" in honor of the Festival of Shavuot. We will have make-your-own sundaes with all the toppings. Join us for services, and the special kiddush that follows.

### Shavuot Observances

€ On Shavuot, we read the Book of Ruth. Just as Israel entered the covenant at Sinai, so Ruth entered the covenant through personal conversion. Just as the greatness of the Torah was revealed to Israel at Sinai, so is it revealed to all strangers who come to join the Jewish people with committed hearts.

€ It is fitting to read from the Book of Psalms on this day, which is considered by our tradition to be the Yahrzeit of King David.

€ Flowers are placed in the synagogue to remind us of the wilderness at Sinai.

€ Attend holiday services with your family.

Many families decorate their homes with branches and flowers to honor the Shavuot harvest. Because the words of the Torah are "sweet as milk and honey," it is the custom to eat dairy food such as blintzes and cheesecake. Those who have gardens, or live near a farm, pick and enjoy their own bikkurim - first fruits - such as strawberries, peaches, or other summer crops.

Just as farmers long ago shared their harvest with the poor, today we show our concern by collecting food and money for tzedakah.

We welcome Shavuot by reciting blessings over candles, wine, and hallah.

We thank God for life, for Torah and teaching, and for the harvest foods we will share.

## SHAVUOT 5764

**Tuesday, May 25, 2004,**

*Tikkun Lel Shavuot:* 8:00 PM

The Bible in Study and Song

**Blintz Bash & Dairy Delight**

**Wednesday, May 26, 2004**

Services at 9:30 AM

**Bikkurim: First Fruits**

Blessing the Newborns in Our Congregation

**Ice Cream Sundae Kiddush Following Services**

Mincha/Ma'ariv at 7:30 PM

**Hei Class Siyyum**

**Chai School Graduation**

**Tuesday, May 29, 2001**

Services including Yizkor at 9:30 AM

**Ice Cream Sundae Kiddush Following Services**

Only at B'nai Tikvah...

## FRIDAY NIGHT "PLUGGED IN"

*Featuring*

**The Sons Of Tikvah  
Band!**

**Friday, April 16**

**6:45pm**

**Friday, May 14**

**7:00pm**

## OUR HAZZAN'S VOICE

Cantor Bruce Rockman

**Stop.... take a moment to clear your mind...relax...take a deep breath...smile...unwind. I have a gift for you, or I should I say God does.**

A few weeks ago Rabbi Eligberg offered us an opportunity to receive just such a gift, the joy of a restful Shabbat. We were reminded of our weekly opportunity to slow-down. He offered that the gift of Shabbat could be our opportunity to refresh our lives physically and spiritually. Take 24 hours and rest, he said. As our Rabbi stated, God created the entire world in six days and rested for one, Shabbat. It certainly would be nice for us to take him up on his offer.

Our routines, our lives just don't seem to work this way. Life is so complicated, so busy. We actually feel guilty taking time off, especially when it is not planned, such as a vacation, if then. How can you ignore your responsibilities and give yourself a day off every week? Besides, if you did take the time, is the synagogue the place you would chose to spend it?

**Take 24 hours and rest, ... Our routines, our lives just don't seem to work this way. Life is so complicated, so busy... I would like to motivate you to give Shabbat a serious try. If Shabbat is already meaningful to you and a part of your family's routine, then I would like to hear about your Shabbat experiences and pass your knowledge along.**

Most members of our synagogue are not Shabbat observant. Some say it is overwhelming, unable to follow the service, and for many, an inconvenience, they don't have the time. How ironic. Some would prefer spending some extra free time being active, shopping, or hanging out with friends.

This article is not about making anyone feel bad, or is it to list what you can or cannot do on Shabbat. There are *how to*, *why to*, *when to* and *where to* books galore about Shabbat; web sites to guide you, rabbis and cantors to guilt you; I mean to teach you. I would like to motivate you to give Shabbat a serious try. If Shabbat is already meaningful to you and a part of your family's routine, then I would like to hear about your Shabbat experiences and pass your knowledge along.

It is my approach to compliment you for what you are doing and not be critical for what you do not do. Still, I am not saying that we as a congregation are near to fulfilling our religious obligations or spiritual goals. We can all learn and grow spiritually. To do this, I think we need to help one another. The observance of Shabbat is a great way to succeed.

One of our USYers remarked to me, how good she felt walking to shul with her friends at a USY convention. It was difficult to put into words, she said, but I think she described the essence of Shabbat very well. She told me that although it was different to her, it made her feel proud to be Jewish and it

made her feel like she belonged. She continued, it was a new experience but it made her feel comfortable. This young lady has begun her spiritual journey. Young people can be more open to new experiences and able to take more chances. We can learn lesson from them.

During a trip to Israel a number of years ago, an observant Jew confronted me. He asked about my level of observance. He advised me to stay home on Shabbat rather than drive to the synagogue. He felt that God would forgive for not praying with the community. I am sure that he was right. God is good, and certainly forgiving. Our movement allows us drive to the synagogue, if it is the only practical way to get there. I felt a powerful need to pray with my friends on Shabbat and this was for me the only realistic approach I had.

I am grateful for the Conservative movement, because it has been my guide for spiritual growth. Today, Shabbat is more complete for me; now I walk to shul on Shabbat and on Yom Tov. I have made decisions in my life to make this possible, but only one step at a time, and not by myself. I have received support from friends, my family, and from my Rabbi. Thank you.

If you would like the same support and assistance, I'm ready to help. Lets get together and talk about it.

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

*B'simcha,  
Cantor Bruce Rockman,*

### SCHEDULE OF DAILY SERVICES

Sunday	9:00 AM Shahareet	7:30 PM	Mincha/Maariv
Monday		7:30 PM	Mincha/Maariv
Tuesday		7:30 PM	Mincha/Maariv
Wednesday		7:30 PM	Mincha/Maariv
Thursday	7:00 AM Shahareet	7:30 PM	Mincha/Maariv
Friday		8:00 PM	Kabbalat Shabbat
Saturday Maariv**	9:30 AM Shabbat	*:**PM*	Mincha/

\*As appropriate for the time of year

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



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Arie Behar

I love this time of the year, who wouldn't - spring is coming, the weather is getting warmer and my favorite holiday is around the corner. Pesach is my favorite holiday. I loved it as a kid because I always got new clothes for Pesach. More recently, Pesach has become my favorite holiday because we will have the privilege of hosting a group of kids from my home town of Ramla, in Israel.

This year will be the fourth year in a row that our community will host fourteen young boys and girls from Israel. This year the group will arrive on Friday March 26 and they will stay with us until April 12. Among the places that the group will visit are Washington D.C., Niagara Falls, Toronto, Philly and New York. They will join our kids for a day at South Brunswick High School. Together with our kids they will spend a 'pesadich' day at Great Adventure and of course they will be in Shul every Shabbath to participate in our traditional service which is so different from the one they are used to back home. And of course they will join our extended families at the Seder table.

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I am most proud of this program. My family and I look forward every year to the arrival of this group. I have always believed that having a friend in Israel is a most important way for a Jew to be connected to our homeland. This is a great opportunity for our kids and our host families to have a friend from Israel, and to learn first hand what it

means to live in Israel.

I will never forget a couple of years ago when we hosted the daughter of a childhood neighbor. When I called him to tell him that his daughter arrived safely, his wife got on the phone and she

told me that she is so happy that Adi is with us for the next three weeks because she doesn't have worry about her going to a mall and being blown up. She said "at least for the next three weeks I know she is safe." How awful to hear these words coming from a mother's mouth.

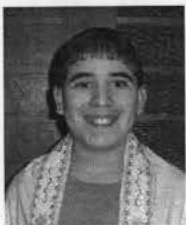
America is the only friend in the world Israel has. Every time I visit Israel everyone asks me "What do the Americans think about the situation in the Middle East?" You would be amazed how much most Israelis know about us. Most

Israelis are more curious and concerned about American politics than most Americans. The reason is very simple - a decision made in Washington could affect every Israeli in his/her day to day life. One of the reasons that America is Israel's best friend is because of the Jewish community in America. Our involvement in politics and our contribution to the American economy and culture is one of the reasons both countries share the same values.

Israel has always opened its arms to displaced Jews from all over the world - from Russia, from Ethiopia, from Argentina. And tiny Israel would be there if anything ever happened to the Jewish community in the U.S. The strong friendship goes in both directions. I encourage all of you to take a moment in temple, or wherever you might meet the group from Ramla to make a new friend from Israel.

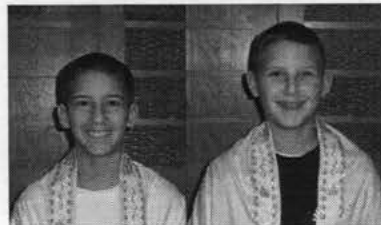
In order to continue to support this program, we are starting a new tzedakah fund, the Israel Exchange Fund. I hope that this fund will one day help make the program a true exchange program, when we are able to send the youth of B'nai Tikvah to Israel, as our friends in Israel have been able to send their children to us. Please remember this new fund when you make your next contribution to B'nai Tikvah.

## APRIL & MAY B'NAI MITZVAH



**Joshua Greenberg**  
April 3

Son of  
Dan & Caryl  
Greenberg



**Corey & Gregg Allen**  
April 17

Sons of  
Peter & Andrea  
Allen



**Matthew Cohen**  
May 8

Son of  
Howard and Leslie  
Cohen



**Greg Rosen**  
May 22

Son of  
David & Nancy  
Rosen

## BOARD AND VP REPORTS

### From March, 2004 Board of Trustees Meeting

#### Administration VP Report Dan Greenberg

**Hearty Mazel Tov** to Bruce and Stacey Rockman and their families on the birth of Bashe. The Cantor will be taking off about a week; sincere thanks to all who are helping out with Shabbat services and daily minyans.

**Long Range Planning:** Continuing the process of forward thinking, At the March Board meeting we split into five separate groups, each looking at a different aspect of the questions and problems that were presented by Cyndi Kleinbart at the last Board meeting.

**Maintenance** has become a major issue. We are simply unable to keep up with the amount of work that needs to be done given the current number of hours that we contract for. We need to consider funding at a rise in the number of hours that we have custodial staff on duty in order to meet the needs of the congregants, the school staff and children and the caterer. This will be done at budgeting time.

**Office Software:** Because of the limitations inherent in TempleSoft (the

software used to drive our entire 'back office') and the lack of available support, we have spent many hours researching and looking at alternatives. We are satisfied that the best option on the table is ChaverWare, which are in the process of acquiring.

**Pew Repairs:** We are aware of the problem with the pews – the fabric is loose in many places and the pews themselves are not solidly attached to the floor – and are attempting to resolve the problem as quickly as possible – the upholsterer is scheduled to be here to complete the job this week.

#### Activities VP Report Gary Bergman

**Programming:** Nurit Brown is planning for a night of Israeli Dancing on Thursday March 11. Next month we're bringing back "Presidents and Their First Ladies". Bill & Sue Wills will portray Theodore & Edith Roosevelt.

**Website/Communications:** The website is being reorganized into many smaller sections. By de-consolidating

various topics, it is hoped that subjects will be easier to find and that pages will load faster with dial-up access.

**Adult Education:** Attendance at Adult-ed classes is increasing as more people find out how good it is this year. Jeff Schwartz, Arie Behar, and Dr. Az-zan Yadin are to be commended for their efforts. Our next program, on genealogy, will be presented by Joel Gerbman. Helene Tinkel has put together an excellent program for late march and has asked that we publicize it as a "parent and child" event.

**Social Action:** Advertising is being prepared for the Passover food drive as well as getting a flier distributed to our religious school students.

Toys that were donated at our synagogue's Chanukkah party as well as the collected party items from our drive went to Homefront. The birthday parties take place during the day and it may be difficult to get volunteers. Jodi will ask Homefront if they have these parties during the summer as we me be able to get some volunteers.

The men's clothing drive was very

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## A MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

Cindy Gittleman, V.P. Membership

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER:

Olga Hizkiyahu and her son Dvir.

### SAVE THIS DATE FOR THE CHAI ANNIVERSARY SHABBAT:



On June 26th B'nai Tikvah will celebrate memories and milestones of our dedicated congregants who have reached their Chai Anniversary (18-22 years of continuous membership) with a special Shabbat service. Kiddush Luncheon to follow.

## B'NAI TIKVAH

### T-SHIRTS ARE HERE!

Be one of the first to show you are a fan of our "team" by wearing the new, official B'nai Tikvah T-Shirt. See the order form insert that came with this issue of Hakol. (Bear is not included.)





# Adult Education Programs

## Winter/Spring 2004

### Wednesdays from 7:45pm to 9:30pm



April 14	LIVING WILLS	Sheila Hordon, Esq. Rabbi David Eligberg
April 21 April 28 May 5	JEWISH SOCIETY & CULTURE: FROM ANCIENT TO MEDIEVAL TIMES	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, RNC Debbie Kiel, RNC St. Peter's Adult Day Care at Monroe Township
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.

## Sisterhood of Congregation B'nai Tikvah



### Trip to the **LOWER EAST SIDE TENEMENT MUSEUM** Sunday, May 16

The tour will begin promptly at 10AM. Reserve your spot by e-mailing Joanne Gorelick at [jbgorelick@comcast.net](mailto:jbgorelick@comcast.net) by April 22. Carpooling will be arranged.

Sisterhood will be treating its members to the tour. Transportation costs will be shared by carpool riders. Lunch is on you. Contact Joanne today and join us for this educational and fun-filled day!!



### **CELL PHONE WALKING TOUR**

**THE LOWER EAST SIDE  
BIRTHPLACE OF DREAMS**

NARRATED BY JERRY STILLER

# HAKOL

The Newsletter of  
**Congregation B'nai Tikvah**  
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Submissions are welcomed about Congregation events, issues, group activities, and other material relevant to the local Jewish community.

**All Submissions for the  
June/July/ August HAKOL  
must be in by  
May 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.

**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 bright white glossy paper in hi-res or photo mode. For bad results: Print ink jet regular mode on copy paper.

**ORDER FORMS & FLYERS:** Contact the editors for info on distributing order forms and inserts with the HaKol mailing.

**SEND YOUR SUBMISSIONS TO:** [Hakol@bnaitikvah.org](mailto: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



## How is the HaKol Produced?

When we meet someone new in the Congregation and mention we are the HaKol editors, we are often asked "Do you do that professionally?" When they find out we don't do anything like this for a living, the next questions are how did we learn it, is it a lot of work, and what kind of equipment and software do we use? Sometimes it's just curiosity, but a lot of the time the questions are related to a need someone has to do similar things at work or for another organization.

We came up with a new HaKol layout two years ago after looking at newsletters from other synagogues and non-profit organizations, and talking with the previous editor, who was a huge help in the transition. Nancy did have magazine and book editing/layout experience prior to our becoming the HaKol editors. Since we are editors, not writers, the HaKol would not be the informative bulletin it is without contributions both from those who write the regular columns, and from congregants who submit event information and articles relevant to our Jewish community. We appreciate all of their work, especially from those that meet the deadline on time every month.

The HaKol is produced in Microsoft Publisher, which we had no experience with prior to becoming the HaKol editors. Publisher meets our needs, and it's easy to learn. The only other popular publishing software used by professionals is an expensive, powerful program called Quark Xpress.

Editing of photos and graphics is done in Adobe Photoshop, a professional digital image-editing package, which Paul had been using for a couple of years. Currently the HaKol is put together on a hot new Dell Precision workstation, but last year it was done on an older 1.4ghz computer with 384 MB of RAM. The only other hardware required is a good business-grade scanner, a printer and a CD burner.

At least 150 e-mails are involved each month, typically over a period of about ten nights. Roughly half are incoming and half are outgoing. In addition, we forward every e-mail submission to our webmaster so he has the information for the B'nai Tikvah website.

Very little paper is used in producing the HaKol, since most of the submissions are sent via e-mail and almost all the layout, formatting and editing is done in the computer. Usually only one proofreading copy is printed for production, and then only the pages needing final changes are reprinted so that we have a proof to take to the printer with the CD.

The HaKol is printed by Minuteman Press in Manalapan. It is not printed from a paper copy, but directly from our Publisher file (typically a 60 to 80 megabyte file) which is burned onto a CD and usually slipped under the door at the printer late at night along with the printed proof!

Hadas and the office staff oversee the mailing, usually with the help of volunteers. If you have any questions about how the HaKol is produced, feel free to call or send an e-mail.

*Nancy & Paul Zankel*



## STATE OF ISRAEL BONDS

### Congregation B'nai Tikvah Israel Bond Breakfast

Honoring our very own!

## Phyllis & Ed Rosen

Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2004

10:00AM

at B'nai Tikvah

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**Look for your invitation in the mail**

For further information contact

Larry Cohen

732-821-4376

Bonds@bnaitikvah.org

<http://www.israelbonds.com>

## ISRAEL TASKFORCE

Alan Kane, Chairperson

### Statement by Daniel Taub, Director, General Law Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Press Conference of Israeli Delegation



#### The Hague, 23 February 2004

The suicide bomber who blew up the number 14 bus in Jerusalem yesterday, murdering 8 people, and wounding more than 50, was a member of Yasser Arafat's own Al Aksa martyrs brigade. Could anything be more shameful than recruiting, inciting, and paying the murderer of 8 children - students, parents, the brother-in-law of Israel's commercial attache here in the Hague? Could anything be more shameful than that?

And the answer is yes, there is something more shameful: To do all this and then come to the city of The Hague, to ask the United Nation's Court of Justice to censure the victims of terror for trying to defend themselves. To come to the 'Palace of Peace', to the 'Court of Justice', on the very morning that the victims are being buried and mourned, murdered by Arafat's own henchman, to attack Israel for building a fence which might have saved their lives.

That is why Israel is not in the Court today. Because along with the states of the Quartet, with the host state Holland, and with the bulk of the democratic world which has urged the Court not to hear the case, we know that ultimately this issue, like all the other tough issues between us and the Palestinians, will have to be resolved through compromise and negotiation. It certainly won't be resolved by sending one-sided questions to the Court that seek to put those defending themselves from terrorism on trial, but not the terrorists. And when we see the list of states that have chosen to play along - those champions of human rights: Sudan, Cuba, Saudi Arabia - itself building a massive fence to stop infiltration from Yemen, we know we were right to stay away.

We did not want to build this fence. It's ugly, it's expensive - even though its

temporary, and it causes genuine hardship to many Palestinians which we must take every measure to ease. That's why we did not build it for over two and half years of Palestinian violence, why we waited while 935 Israelis were killed. Until we could wait no longer. Until March 2002, a month in which 37 terrorist attacks in 31 days murdered 137 people, including the Passover night massacre. We could wait no longer because the fence works. Not a single suicide bomber has succeeded in crossing the fence between Israel and the Gaza Strip. In those areas of the West Bank where it has been constructed, the fence has already brought down suicide attacks by some 30%. We recently caught two suicide bombers on their way to blow up a High School in the north of Israel, only because of the fence. The simple truth is that the fence is saving lives.

But it has a humanitarian impact. In the Palestinian presentation before the Court there were so many factual distortions that, tragically, they disguised the fact that there is genuine hardship caused by the fence. And it's our responsibility to do everything we can to ease this - even if it means creating over 40 agricultural gates, building underpasses to connect Palestinian areas, running buses to help the 61 kids who are separated from their schools, replanting tens of thousands of olive trees, and building new infrastructure for the Palestinians where this can't be included in the fence, like the kidney dialysis center we have just built at Mukassat hospital. But in our concern for the quality of life of the Palestinians, we cannot forget the right to life of Israelis. The fence, and the hardship it causes, is reversible. Lives lost to terrorism are not.

The aim of the fence is simply that; to save lives. In fact it is to slow down the terrorists by up to 15 minutes, to enable the defence forces to stop them. And a fence along the Green Line, which runs through villages and valleys

with high ground on either side, would simply not do that. Which is why the fence diverts at points on both sides of the Green Line.

We're not trying to establish a border. If anything, it's the Palestinians, who insist the fence be built on the 1967 line who are trying to do that. We know that the future border between us has to be negotiated. That's what it says in all our agreements, in United Nations resolutions 242 and 338, and in the Road Map. The Palestinians can't have it both ways. They can't not fight terrorism and insist that we accept their maximalist position on the border negotiations. At this very moment we know that terrorists are putting together the next suicide bomber belt aimed at the heart of one of our cities, at a restaurant, a mall, a bus. With a Palestinian leadership doing nothing to stop them, the fence is the only thing standing between those terrorists and our families. But there is a better way. For the Palestinians to do what they've promised to do again and again. Not to send questions to the Court that ignore their obligations, but to fulfil them. But nowhere in the three hours of Palestinian statements before the Court today, was there any mention of any Palestinian responsibility. Not a mention of the Israeli-Palestinian agreements in which they undertook to arrest terrorists, stop incitement, collect illegal weapons. Not a whisper about the first line of the first phase of the Road Map, which requires them to take immediate action to dismantle the terrorist infrastructure. Because ultimately, Court or no Court, no leadership can evade responsibility. And as soon as there is a Palestinian leadership which accepts its responsibility, which talks to its own people about the need for painful concessions, as every Israeli leader for the past decade has done, a leadership like President Sadat of Egypt, like King Hussein of Jordan, then we will be able to stop building fences and start building bridges.

## THE OFFICE VOICE

**Nitsat Hadas Elami, Administrative Director**

Shalom,

*A topic which often comes up in questions and in every day life here at the Synagogue is that of maintenance.*

I don't know if most of you are aware that during the week there is only one person who performs all the cleaning and maintenance in the building. Most of you may see the weekend help that we have here which includes 2-3 people depending on the event and the day. During the week, one person working 8 hours a day is in charge of cleaning the main synagogue areas, bathrooms, kitchen, offices, etc. This same person also cleans the classrooms, often more than once a day when the same classroom is used by 2 or more different classes, and the school bathrooms. In addition to all the above, this one person is responsible for setting up for all the meetings and special school programs. His maintenance tasks, in addition to all that, include replacing light bulbs, minor plumbing repairs and other repairs that are required in an active building such as ours.

It is a lot for one person to accomplish! The only way we can make it work, at least to the best of our ability, is by knowing the needs of the different groups and organizations far in advance. In order for one person to accomplish all the setup and changeovers required, I need to know at the beginning of the week what meetings and events are in store. Then I try to use the same setups more than once or attempt to find easier ways to convert to another setup to free up time for other tasks.

On the weekends we have a little more help. The people who work here on the weekend are not here during the week. In order for me to instruct them on what needs to be done, I need to have the information in advance, so I will be able to communicate it to them. Every weekend Ed Molina, our maintenance company owner, receives a detailed instruction sheet from me with everything that needs to be done over the weekend. If I don't receive your requests on time, I can not include them in my instructions.

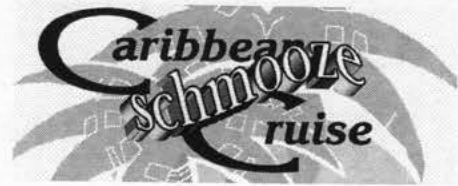
This column barely scratches the surface of this topic. Related items include coordinating schedules with the Caterer as well as those of our internal groups and organizations. Stay tuned for more on this subject next month.

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# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS

Ann Kanarek, Director

## A Passion for Truth

There has been so much discussion and debate about religion since *The Passion of The Christ* opened. By now, you may have seen the movie, certainly read the reviews and engaged in conversation over it. In any case, it is causing quite an uproar.

The film is in Aramaic, very long, violent and bloody and is still attracting crowds of people. However, what happens when the movie is pressed onto DVD and gets translated into a hundred languages and distributed widely. THEN it will start being shown in just about every Christian religious school classroom in America, and across the world. Why? Because, it'll be the coolest, most high-tech, graphically sophisticated version of Jesus' life and death that will be available. And that's when the potential of problems will begin and the increase of anti-Semitism may be on the rise.

The American Jewish Committee has done very good work with Christian groups in Europe explaining what is hurtful to us, as well as what is untrue about passion plays that depict the life and death of Jesus Christ. It is clear that Mel Gibson's version is 1) inaccurate, 2) based on a particularly anti-Semitic version of The Passion and is 3) insensitive to hatred and violence it may arouse.

Jesus' story is important to Christians as Mt. Sinai is to every Jew. We have no right to ask that they not tell their story. We can however, respond to the film with facts and not just emotion. To our students who are so very involved in this dialogue, I encourage you to talk to your contemporaries about the text of the Gospel, not the vile hatred of this passion play. Remember this:

**"Believe those who are seeking the truth, be careful of those who claim to have found the truth."**

If at any time in the future there are issues relating to the film, please feel free to contact me.

## Yom HaShoah

*Know where you came from so that you know where you are going.....*

Each year, we stop to remember where we came from as we reflect on the darkest genocide ever known to the world. On the 27<sup>th</sup> of Nisan (**Sunday, April 18**) we will mark the occasion of **Yom HaShoah**, Holocaust Remembrance Day. On that day, we will pay respect and mourn the loss of six million Jews.

Soon after Yom HaShoah, **Yom HaZikaron (Sunday, April 25)**, Israel's Memorial Day arrives. On this day we commemorate the heroes who lost their lives fighting to establish a safe homeland for the Jewish people. Israelis visit Mt. Herzl (Israel's equivalent to Arlington National Cemetery) and have a moment of silence and reflection.

A day later, we celebrate **Yom HaAtzma'ut**, which is **Israel's Independence Day (Monday, April 26)**. We rejoice in the fact that a tiny minority of people, who survived centuries of persecution, have their independence and their own land. For us, Jews who are living in the Diaspora, these April days give us a chance to think about our relationship to Israel and whether or not we visit. So many tragic events and disappointments have occurred this year. Too much war, too much loss, too much pain. Not enough talk, reflection, and mindfulness. The images of war in the media frighten us to the point of indecision. But hopefully, this will not continue. Not only do we care about our friends and families in Israel, but selfishly, we want to return to sending our children and ourselves to Israel. Let us all do what we can to return there often. I commend Rabbi Eligberg for taking a group of congregants to Israel. I wish the entire group a wonderful adventure and safe journey. *May they go from strength to strength.*

During the month of April, with these days of emotional highs and lows, let us not forget where we came from. Says Rabbi Zera, "The air in the land of Israel makes one wise." (T. Baba Batra 158b) May the day soon come when the unnecessary cycle of violence ends and we can all enjoy peace in our homeland.



## MAZEL TOV TO OUR TOP CANDY SELLERS

**Jessica Gerstein**

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Many thanks to our religious school families who helped promote our Passover Candy Fundraiser. Your dedicated efforts made this a very successful fundraiser and our students will greatly benefit from your generous support.

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS

### SHAVUOT GRADUATION SERVICES FOR OUR "CHAI" SCHOOL AND OUR HEI (7<sup>th</sup> Grade) STUDENTS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 8:00 PM

#### "CHAI" GRADUATION

This year, on Shavuot, Wednesday, May 26, our eleventh graders will stand together before the Congregation to affirm their commitment to the study, observance, and practice of our tradition. Since Jewish education is based on Torah, it is fitting that this year's Chai School graduation will take place on Shavuot. The students will affirm Torah and make it their personal possession all the days of their lives. Our graduates will lead a creative service that they have prepared. This promises to be a very special service and memorable experience. We hope that many of you will join us as we congratulate this year's graduating class. A special Oneg Chag in honor of our students will follow in the Social Hall.

#### WE OFFER MAZEL TOV TO THIS YEAR'S CHAI SCHOOL GRADUATES:

**Joshua Baer, Amanda Dillman, Sara Koenig,  
Leah Behar, Mara Gittleman, Gary Marx, Mat-  
thew Biderman, Molly Herman, and Elyse Ross.**

We look forward to seeing them continue their activity in Temple life.

#### Hei Class Siyum

(7<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Commencement) Service

On Wednesday, May 26, we will have an opportunity to celebrate with our Hei class at their siyum service. This special service marks the completion of one segment of our students' Jewish education here at B'NAI TIKVAH, and the beginning of another, the CHAI School program.

This is an exciting event toward which our seventh graders have been eagerly working. As a culmination of their studies, students will be sharing Jewish rituals and traditions that are particularly meaningful to them. The theme this year is "How we learn and live Judaism". Their play, "Jewish Heroes, Jewish Values", beautifully explains how Judaism enriches our lives.

Please join us as our Hei students graduate from Hebrew School and share their service with the congregation.

**Congregation B'NAI TIKVAH extends heart-  
felt good wishes to the members of the 2004  
Religious School Hei (7<sup>th</sup> grade) Class.**

### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REMINDERS:

**SUNDAY, APRIL 4 - TUESDAY, APRIL 13:**  
NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL.

Passover Holiday & Spring Break  
Religious School resumes Wednesday, April 14.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 18:**

**Special Yom Hashoah program: PUSH CART PLAYERS** presents *The Last Butterfly*. (For grades 4-12), 10:40am-12:05pm. This is a touching story of a teenage girl and boy filled with hopes and dreams. This dramatization is based on the collection of poems, narratives and drawings created by children who passed through Terezin concentration camp between 1942-1944. Parents are welcome.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28 &**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 29 : Gimel Class C.A.F.E.**  
program with guest artist, *Inbar Bibring*.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 30:**

**Bet Class Shabbat Dinner, 6:30PM, followed by  
Bet Class Shabbat Service, 8:00PM**

**SATURDAY, MAY 1:**

**Dalet Class Shabbat Service and Luncheon**

**SUNDAY, MAY 2:**

**Second Grade Parents Orientation, 10:05 am-10:25 am.**  
Next year your children will begin a new phase of our Religious School. Please join us for an orientation to our ALEF curriculum, class schedule, junior congregation requirements and discussion about your role as parents.

**SUNDAY, MAY 2:**

**Chai School Orientation, 11:45AM --Hei students and parents are invited to find out about our curriculum Na'aseh V'nishma/Learn and Do. The Rabbi, Education Director and our High School teachers and a panel of students will describe the program and share their thoughts and expressions.**

**FRIDAY, MAY 7:**

**Alef Class Consecration Service, 7-8:30 pm**

**SUNDAY, MAY 9:**

**Gimel Class Mock Wedding Ceremony, 11:30 am**

**SUNDAY, MAY 23:**

**LAST DAY OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL!!**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 26:**

**Shavuot Service, Chai School Dinner/Graduation,  
6:30pm and Hei Class Siyum Service, 8pm**



## PURIM IN ISRAEL Miriam Libove-Goldfarb

### Purim in Israel— Where Else Does an Entire Country De- vote a Week to Being Completely Silly?

“When I grow up I’m going to be Christian,” announced my 4 year-old daughter Ariella after learning that Halloween isn’t a Jewish holiday. (She doesn’t yet know the word, “Pagan.”)

Trying to change her mind, I pointed out that Judaism had an equally—if not better holiday—Purim. I reminded her of some of the merits of Purim (from a 4 year-old’s perspective): coming home from nursery school to find mishloah manot (packages of sweets) in assorted sizes and colors on her doorstep; dressing up in fancy costumes and making as much noise as she wanted; baking and eating hamentaschen; going to carnivals, and coming home with goldfish. (I may be wrong, but I don’t believe that anyone has ever said, “trick or treat” and ended up with a goldfish in her or his goody bag.)

Still Ariella remained unconvinced. In her opinion, Halloween was better because it involved more candy. She had made her decision. She was going to convert; the Jewish future would have to fend for itself.

Prior to the conversion conversation, I was tutoring a student in preparation for his bar mitzvah which was scheduled to be held in Israel on the Shabbat preceding Purim of this year. Less than one month before the bar mitzvah, my husband and I decided to plan a family visit to Israel to coincide with the event.

We arrived in Israel on February 26, a bit more than a week before Purim, and we were immediately struck by the numerous signs advertising Purim festivals. Billboards on the way to the hotel announced Purim celebrations with well-known Israeli entertainers. Days in advance of Purim, we saw costumed children, teens, and adults traveling presumably to parties. At a restaurant, we were informed of an upcoming “Purim Party,” boasting half-price drinks.

Stopping in a shopping mall, it was impossible to miss the fact that it was the Purim season. Colorful, sparkling costumes, magic wands, fairy wings, and face-paint dominated the shop windows and walkways. Even the supermarket sported party favors, groggers, fresh hamentaschen (called ozney Haman or “Hamen’s ears” in Hebrew), and commercially wrapped packages of mishloah manot.

When the big night of the Megillah reading arrived, we were prepared. We joined friends from Haifa at the Masorti (Israel’s version of Conservative) synagogue, Kehillat Moriah, where my husband had pre-arranged to read Megillah. Ariella was disguised as a “cat fairy” and David and I joined in with matching silly hats and tee-shirts. We spent the evening listening to (and drowning out) the Megillah reading, singing, and eating with a crowd of clowns, ninjas, animals, and assorted storybook and television characters. (Periodically, the Rabbi would throw candy at the congregation—this made my daughter very happy.)

The next morning, we returned to the synagogue for Megillah reading, followed by children’s activities. We decorated and wrapped packages of mishloah manot for tzdakah, played theatre games, sang songs, and had a delicious lunch with pita and humos, borekas (salty cheese-filled triangles in pastry dough), and of course, hamentaschen.

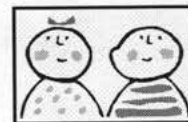
Later that afternoon, we packed our bags in the rented car, and began our journey southward. On the way to the hotel, we found a shopping mall so that we could make a quick stop to buy fruit. Our “quick stop” turned into a three-hour visit. During this time we received mishloah manot from the Chabad rabbi who was stationed at the mall with a Megillah scroll so that he could catch some chilonim (secular Jews) and enable them to do the mitzvah of hearing the Megillah read. We thanked him for the sweets and informed him that we had already heard the reading that day.

We were just about to leave the mall when Ariella spotted a bunch of children in costume congregating in front of an 8-foot long piece of wood with a picture of a pasture painted on it. In front of the wood was a clown who was about to perform a children’s play. The next thing we knew, Ariella was sitting on the floor with twenty or more other preschoolers watching and participating in the show. At the end of the performance, Ariella received a balloon and a chocolate coin. (It was nice not to have to check for kosher certification.)

I am happy to report that as a result of this trip, my daughter has reconsidered her decision to abandon Judaism. In fact, not only is she planning to remain a member of the tribe, but she now wants to move to Israel (“because you get more sweets there”).

On one point, my daughter and I are in agreement—there is no better place to spend Purim than in Israel.

## TOT SHABBAT



April 24, May 8 & May 22

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



# NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Fran Pearlson, Director

## MANY THANKS FOR A WONDERFUL YEAR

Throughout the school year we have presented many educational programs and social events to further enhance the learning activities that take place in our classrooms. These programs and special events could not have occurred without the assistance of our Parent Advisory Committee. Their support and input throughout the year has been invaluable. Through a successful collaborative effort we were able to provide the children with a variety of educationally entertaining programs and events.

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PRE-KII: Lisa Seidman, Karen Kaye

Many thanks to Harold Schneider, Vice President of School and Youth, our nursery school advisor. We appreciate the time you have devoted for the betterment of our nursery school.

Our year has been filled with many exciting and memorable events. Many thanks to Rabbi David Eligberg and Cantor Bruce Rockman for helping us celebrate our Jewish holidays through puppet shows and songs.

Last but not least, I would like to thank my dedicated staff of teachers and assistants: Ina Horn, Maria Lesko, Barabara Schwartz, Stacey Cadoff, Stacy Lewkowitz, Carol Winter, Brenda Sherman, Phyllis Edley, Joy Orlan, Amy Smith, Amy Cohen, Lisa Greenwald, Lisa Seidman, and Gina Giuffre

## NURSERY SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, March 30: \*\*Pre-K Fit Kids Program

Wednesday, March 31: \*Pre-K and Three-year olds'  
Family Seders

Wednesday, March 31: \*Coffee Talk/Open House for  
Nursery School Families

Thursday, April 1: \*\*Two-year olds' Family Seder

Friday, April 2: \*\*School Closed - Passover Cleaning

April 5-13: \*\*\*Passover Break

Wednesday, April 14: \*\*School Reopens

Monday, April 26: \*\*Yom Ha'atzmaut

Tuesday, April 27: \*\*Pre-K Mad Science Worm Program

May, Date TBA: \*\*Mother's Day Tea

May, Date TBA: \*\*Lag Ba'omer Picnics

May 26-27: \*\*\*School Closed - Shavout

Monday, May 31: \*\*School Closed

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The theme for Kolenu for Spring Convention 2004 is 15 Minutes of Fame. We have all had fifteen minutes of fame in our life. Whether it be giving a speech for an election or running a program for USY, we have all experienced fame.

At Spring Convention this year, seventeen people will be getting their "15 Minutes of Fame" during elections. From our chapter, Elyse Ross is running for communications VP and Ilana Katronetsky is running for membership/programming VP. Instead of leaving the room or talking during elections, let's give Elyse and Ilana the 15 minutes of fame they want. Good luck to Elyse and Ilana, and all others running.

A flyer about events for April will be sent out during the first week of April. There are no official meetings scheduled yet, but April 22 looks to be an event. Watch out for flyer to come very soon.

*Ilana Katronetsky*

## KADIMA

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Bnai Tikvah eighth-grade Kadima members Myles Rudin and Ben Ehrlich get down at our recent Sadie Hawkins dance in Marlboro, NJ

**Membership:** 3 More Members joined, which brings Kadima to an even 50, great news, kudos to all.

**Participation Awards:** Myles Rudin, Keren Brown, and Steven Birch won our movie ticket incentive for perfect attendance for Dec, Jan, and Feb events.

**Assistant Advisor:** For those who haven't met him, an assistant advisor was recently hired for Kadima. His name is Josh Binstock. Josh is currently an undergraduate pursuing a journalism degree at Rutgers University.

### Upcoming Events:

**April-** With Pesach, April will be a light month for events. The only event scheduled is the rescheduled Kadima Games Day on April 25 at Fairlawn, NJ. We'll be getting a bus for the event.

**May-** May 23 is our regional event as that is the Israeli Day Parade. Events that we are planning on scheduling for May are mini-golf and a night at the movies. Dates to follow in a special Kadima mailing.

**SAVE THE DATES! Encampment- August 23rd-30th:** For the first time 6th graders are invited to this special week -long camp for Kadima. The week is an exciting blend of Jewish customs and living, sports, swimming, bonding and eating, so sign up. Information on Encampment will be out in the next few weeks.

*Adam Sackett, Advisor*

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## B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

### CARIBBEAN SCHMOOZE CRUISE A BIG SUCCESS

#### Thank You from the "Cruise Director"

Whether or not you've ever sailed on a cruise through the Atlantic Ocean, or a party boat around Manhattan, hopefully all of us have somehow and at some point had fun on a boat. Though the Schmooze Cruise never actually left port – it certainly had all the makings of one BIG party boat!

As our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual social extravaganza, once again we achieved our goal of not only providing Congregants and non-congregants a great evening of laughter, dancing, schmoozing, and fun – but also served the dual purpose of raising a significant amount of money for Bnai Tikvah. There was something for everyone – purchasing artwork, posing for pictures, or playing the Newlywed Game Revisited. And if none of that fit your fancy – you could indulge in the fine cuisine of Classical Caterers. All in attendance resoundingly had a tremendous time – and the evening once again proved that we as a congregation know how to indulge in having fun.

As a fundraising committee, we strived for everyone in attendance to have something to buy, pose for, or play – and it all came alive for this event. "Schmooze Cruise" was the culmination of five months of planning and coordination by a dynamic team. The evening's success is a testament to the entire committee, all of whom deserve not only recognition, but the congregations' gratitude for their efforts:

**Stacey Cadoff** – theme queen whose creativeness was evidenced on the centerpieces and signage, **Ira Heisler** – game aficionado providing cruise expertise, **Nancy Zankel** – photography coordinator and idea queen, (extra mention goes to her husband Paul and sons Ezra and Aaron for their tremendous photographic efforts), **Cindy Gittleman** – creative director and art sale curator – her enthusiasm evidenced on the invitations and motif for the cruise, **Gary Bergaman** – video expert, **Tom & Hope Peters** – ticket coordinators/game and theme specialists, and **Mark Sherman** – captain of the ship and raffle chairman. Mark as VP Ways & Means also deserves special recognition for spearheading the Super 50/50 raffle along with chair Jeff Woller – the raffle generated the most money of all our fundraising events.

Raising money is a critical component of every organization and, fortunately, our collective drive and spirit has culminated in another successful fundraiser. So, at some point in the upcoming weeks, make an effort to thank our committee members. Be sure to thank them for their efforts – they all enabled CBT to raise needed funds, as well as provide many congregants the opportunity to have a blast at "Schmooze Cruise." If you want to help get in on the fun, join us in planning next years extravaganza!

Gary Warner  
Chairman, "Schmooze Cruise"

### Theatre Night Continues April 15th

The National Touring Company  
*Presidents and Their First Ladies,*  
dramatically speaking  
presents

#### Theodore and Edith Roosevelt



Thursday, April 15

8 PM

A dramatic portrayal by William and Sue Wills  
touring 27 states coast to coast

People know much about Teddy Roosevelt, and some about Alice Roosevelt his daughter. But few know much about the woman who shared the world stage with him. His second wife, Edith, succeeded in doing something numerous First Ladies prior to her had tried and failed to do - a major renovation of the White House. She also is credited with changing the "First Ladyship" from a "role" to a "position". Theodore's belief in "The Strenuous Life" guided not only his life but those of his entire family.

Join us, Thursday evening, April 15<sup>th</sup>, as we welcome back the veteran acting duo, Bill & Sue Wills, to portray Teddy & Edith Roosevelt in their presentation of "Presidents and Their First Ladies".

Admission :

\$8/person in advance -

Mail to B'nai Tikvah marked "Theatre Night".

\$10/person at the door.

Refreshments served.



# B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

## Sisterhood

**WHY SISTERHOOD?** Eighty-three years ago, Mathilde Schecter founded the Women's League for Conservative Judaism to strengthen and unite synagogue women's groups and their members; support them in mutual efforts to understand and perpetuate Conservative / Masorti Judaism in the home, synagogue and community; and reinforce their bonds with Jews worldwide. While much of our world has changed over the past years, the goals of Women's League still ring true. In our own congregation, many women belong to Sisterhood, but not all recognize that our connection to Women's League serves as a cornerstone for our own efforts and serves as our connection to Jewish women throughout the world.

"Why Sisterhood" is the name of a new effort of Women's League to strengthen its commitment to its mission and to remind all of us of our need to be united. The B'nai Tikvah Sisterhood shares in this goal and has developed its program to reflect this mission. How do we do that? Together, we promote learning, perpetuate living Jewish traditions and observances, link our voices, and share in our desire to repair the world.

### Promote Learning

Women's League and our Sisterhood accomplishes this in many ways. BT Sisterhood promotes learning by sponsoring monthly programs, helping women learn to read Torah and Haftarah, teaching women to lead portions of the Shabbat morning service and then providing the chance to do that during Sisterhood Shabbat, and offering opportunities for leadership in our congregation. Women's League supports these efforts by providing literature, training seminars, ideas for programming, and a diverse group of Adult Education classes.

### Perpetuate Living Jewish Traditions and Observances

Each year Sisterhood sponsors Sisterhood Shabbat as a way of perpetuating living Jewish traditions and observances. Our gift shop offers an array of Judaica for observances in the synagogue and in the home. As part of Women's League, we know that women are often seen as the "keepers of the flames of mitzvot, family, study, Israel, Torah, and community. The W in the Women's League Logo suggests the ancient menorah, and the phrase Mah yafah y'rushataynu (How beautiful is our heritage) reflects our ongoing commitment to our vital and dynamic traditions."

### Link Our Voices

Belonging to a Women's League affiliate Sisterhood, we link our voices by being part of an international organization – which is the voice of Conservative women worldwide – every member has the opportunity to impact the world around her. Missions and trips offer unique one-on-one personal exchanges with Masorti/Conservative Jews around the world. Participation in a wide array of programs and classes promotes personal growth and development. Receiving the

Women's League magazine, Outlook and participating Women's League without walls (electronic communication) and other information provides consistency and access to women throughout the world.

### Strive to Repair The World

BT Sisterhood we work in creative ways to repair the world with our commitment to social action, donations to agencies in our community and beyond, and by setting an example to our children and friends by our active community service. Women's League joins us by being an activist group that serves as a critical voice for the Conservative Movement and for Jewish women.

If you have not joined the 125 women of B'nai Tikvah who are already members, please consider joining today and in the years to come. If you have any questions about sisterhood, please let me know and I look forward to joining with you in the work of B'nai Tikvah Sisterhood and Women's League for Conservative Judaism.

*Ruth Anne Koenick, President BT Sisterhood*

Major parts of this article are taken directly from the Women's League web site <http://www.wlcj.org/about.html> and from materials on the Why Sisterhood campaign.

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### SISTERHOOD THANKS OUR FASHION SHOW AND SHALACH MANOT VOLUNTEERS, ATTENDEES & SPONSORS

In February, Sisterhood sponsored a Children's Fashion Show featuring the children of B'nai Tikvah modeling spring fashions from Nordstrom. It was truly a sight to watch the children experience what it is like to walk down a runway with cameras and video equipment clicking away at furious speed. It was a fun Sunday afternoon and the perfect way to unwind after the USY Convention.

Sisterhood raised over \$1100.00 because of the support and generosity of those who attended. Lynn Biderman chaired the event and a lot of people worked very hard. Thank you to Lynn and her committee members: Ellen Birch, Linda Feinstein, Joella Jiorle, Andrea Katz, Carol Schultz and Ellyn Schneider. Over 50 items were raffled off and everyone worked hard to solicit the prizes, wrap them, and put together the goodie bags for the models. Mellissa Katz helped set the tables and the food was prepared by Roz Shaw, Joyce Gerbman, Teresa Samtur, Carol Schultz and Ellyn Schneider. Sondra Levine and Gale Dillman sold raffles.

Thank you to everyone who worked on the committee, donated prizes, helped that day, and to Lynn for chairing the event. A special thank you to everyone who attended and purchased raffle tickets. And, a very special thank you to the staff from Nordstrom.

Purim is a very festive holiday and has the traditions of giving gifts of food to friends, making donations to charitable organizations, and eating a special Purim meal. Each year, Sisterhood offers synagogue members Shalach Manot (Purim Baskets) as part of our Purim celebration, and a portion of those funds are given to community organizations. This year, our Shalach Manot fundraiser was the most successful ever and I thank all of those involved.

For the first time, we had 38 Golden Groggers, and more individual adult and child baskets were ordered. To those who participated, we thank you for your generous support, and hope you enjoyed both giving and receiving the baskets.

None of this would have happened without the work of many people. We truly "get by with a little help from our Sisterhood friends" and this fundraiser was a perfect example. Led by Carol Schultz as chair, we thank the following people for their active participation: Cheryl Goldstein, Phyllis Saffer, Tereas Samtur, Lynn Biderman, Roz Shaw, Janet Weiss, Ellie Greenberg, Nila Mason, Andrea Katz, Ellen Birch, Joyce Gerbman, Bobbie Binder and Fern Katronetsky and Joel Schultz.

Because of your support, this year Sisterhood was able to make a larger donation to more organizations. Sisterhood has made donations of \$200.00 each to the following organizations: Jewish Family Service, Mazon, and to United Synagogue to purchase Passover items to send to U.S. soldiers who are overseas.

Ruth Anne Koenick

### MEN'S CLUB

Next Men's Club Meeting:  
**Sunday, April 11, 2004 10am**

Featured Guest:

**Chris Carlin**

Assistant Program Director  
WFAN-Radio  
Sideline Reporter - Rutgers Football

**Bagel and Lox Buffet Breakfast - \$ 4 per person**

Chris Carlin has recently been promoted to Assistant Program Director at WFAN-Radio. In addition to these duties, he is the host of his own show on WFAN. Known as "The Continent," Chris is very knowledgeable about all professional and collegiate sports. Mr. Carlin is also the Producer of the top-rated area sports show, "Mike and the MadDog."

In addition to his duties at WFAN, Chris has also been the sidelines reporter for Rutgers Football radio broadcasts in our area. (In the event that his radio show duties conflict with this time, we hope to substitute another sports related guest.)

### YOM HASHOAH YELLOW CANDLES

The Men's Club has recently mailed a box containing your 2004 Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle. This year's candle is Israeli-made. In addition, the new metal candle is less costly, weighs less, and is unbreakable.

Please read the "yellow letter" that has been enclosed with your candle. The letter contains information about the program along with the meditation. Congregation B'nai Tikvah will be having a program as part of our program.

Please remember that we need your support to continue important programs like this one. We are suggesting donations of chai (\$18) or double chai (\$36) from each family. However, if the requested donation does not fit into your budget, a smaller donation that will cover the costs of the purchase and shipping the candle to you would be appreciated.

Please send your contribution to the Main Office, to the attention of Men's Club. **THANK YOU!**

Ed Birch, President  
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# B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

## SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

### Happy Birthday!

We want to sponsor and run a birthday party for homeless children through the Lawrenceville-based organization Homefront. We are looking for approximately four volunteers who will be able to run the party at the Homefront. The date is undetermined but it will be held during the summer or the fall between 10:30 and 2:00pm. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Jodi Elligberg at 732-940-1973 or e-mail [socialaction@Bnaitikvah.org](mailto:socialaction@Bnaitikvah.org)

### GIVE US YOUR OLD CELL PHONES

Upgrading your cell phone? Have an old cell phone you don't know what to do with? We'll be glad to take it off your hands and donate it to *Women Aware*, a shelter for battered women.! Bring your old cell phone with its battery and charger to the synagogue office. *All donated phones must have a battery and a charger.* This program will be on-going.

### HELP PEOPLE BURNED OUT OF THEIR HOMES IN SOUTH BRUNSWICK AND EDISON

As many of you are aware, a South Brunswick family of four were burned out of their house last month. We are collecting monetary donations for clothing and food. We are also collecting scrip from Stop and Shop or Shop Rite. Please make checks payable to Bnai Tikvah and memo: South Brunswick fire victims.

In January, hundreds of people were burned out of their apartments in Edison. We are looking for household items, furniture or clothes in gently used condition to assist these people in putting their lives back together. Please contact Jodi Elligberg at [abbaeema@optonline.net](mailto:abbaeema@optonline.net) or (732)940-1973 for more information or to make a donation.

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# B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

## From The Webmaster

### You too can be a "web author"

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More information is available online at:

[www.bnaitikvah.org/click.html](http://www.bnaitikvah.org/click.html)

### KEEP IN TOUCH

There are lots of things planned for the next two months and undoubtedly several more that are unforeseen at Hakol press time. Due to budget constraints, there will not be another Hakol issued until June. To insure you get the latest bulletins from the synagogue office, subscribe now to the **CBT Newsletter**. To receive "unofficial" but important news and commentary from your fellow congregants, join our **eGroup**.

Sign-up online at:

[www.bnaitikvah.org/click.html](http://www.bnaitikvah.org/click.html)

### Get Yellow

Our website is peppered with almost thirty **yellow boxes** throughout the site. These are all "entry forms" of one type or another. Everything from signing up for various activities or committees, to expressing your views and opinions to various committees, individuals, or arms of the synagogue. If have something to say or if you feel like getting more involved in synagogue life, submit one of those yellow boxes or when a phone number is listed, just call the person in charge.

## Calling All "YES" People

New Group Seeks Compassionate "YES" People to join B'nai Tikvah's Bikkur Cholim Group (The Mitzvah of Visiting the Ill)

Although most of us do not hesitate to visit close friends and family members when they become ill, we are not always comfortable doing it. We are even less comfortable at the prospect of visiting casual friends or strangers. Often we convince ourselves that visiting those who are ill would be an intrusion on their privacy. We resist confronting the patient's pain and vulnerability because we feel unable to make things better. But when we ask whether or not to proceed with visiting despite any qualms, Jewish tradition answers us with an emphatic YES. (from Give Me Your Hand by Rabbi Stuart L. Kelman)

If you're a YES person, contact Sheryl.Olitzky@BnaiTikvah.org 732-398-0257.

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# 50plus

### The Fifty Plus Group has a busy schedule! UPCOMING MEETINGS IN APRIL AND MAY:

Our next regular meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 27, at 1:30 pm.** in the Social Hall of the Synagogue. Back by popular demand is our fabulous afternoon at the movies and popcorn followed by our Coffee and Cake Social. All friends and prospective members are invited.

Our May meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 11 at 12.30 pm.** in the Social Hall of the Synagogue and will feature a luncheon by Classical Caterers. Details at our April meeting. Reservations are a "must" by calling Doris at 609-860-1498 before May 3.

*Come and bring your friends.*

### FIFTY PLUS (and Friends) TRIP TO CAMP KISLAK

We can accommodate a few more reservations for our trip to Camp Kislak on May 30-June 3.

**Dates:** May 30 thru June 3rd. (5 days).

**Accommodations, Food, and Rates:** Standard Pvt. Single room \$380 per person or standard Pvt. Double \$380 per person. Includes three kosher meals each day plus snacks and beverages available all day.

**Transportation:** Bus leaves from B'nai Tikvah for Kislak Center in the Poconos, about a 2-1/2 to 3-hour trip.

**Activities:** We will have three seminars and entertainment. Sports facilities will be available. It will be your option to spend your leisure time as you choose. Get some friends and join us for an enjoyable and different mini-vacation. Interested people must confirm with Doris at (609) 860-1498 or Annette at (732) 297-3562 by April 8th. After then, availability is on a first come, first served basis for the remaining spaces.



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Call Ruth Anne Koenick, 732.828.8141

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Lisa and Richard Seidman, in honor of Larry Cohen teaching their son Jason trope

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successful. The shelter made a couple of trips to pick up the donated clothing. Also, a check was sent for the purchase of men's undergarments.

We are trying to establish the third Saturday of the month for the residents of Buckingham Place to attend Saturday services. Residents are reluctant to go out during the winter. We decided to have 1 or 2 short activities at the residence during the winter months.

A jar will be placed at the Scrip table for donations to the local food pantries. Donated money will be converted food scrip and donated to the pantries.

### Membership VP Report Cindy Gittleman

**B'nai Tikvah-Wear:** The very first B'nai Tikvah tee shirt is being designed

for our synagogue right now and will be on sale by Purim! We are excited to bring this new "sporty" way of showing synagogue spirit and unity to our B'nai Tikvah community. Look for a separate order form enclosed in the Hakol.

**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. The membership committee is spending time calling every name to follow-up. It is important that this list continue to grow with new names. Please submit names of neighbors, friends or relatives who may have moved to the area, and may be looking for a synagogue.

**Chai Anniversary Shabbat:** There will be a Chai Anniversary Shabbat celebration for members who are celebrating 18-21 years of membership with B'nai Tikvah, scheduled for either May

15,2004, June 26,2004 or Aug 2004. Please keep a look out for details in the Hakol. About 35 families will be honored.

**Chavurah Groups:** We are in the process of forming small Chavurah Groups in the synagogue as another way of helping our members become more connected with one another. A Chavurah is a 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 VP Membership, Cindy Gittleman. Membership@BnaiTikvah.org

**Membership Open Houses:** Membership is holding a "Coffee Talk" meeting for Nursery School parents to learn more about the synagogue on March 31<sup>st</sup>. This informal get together will give prospective members an opportu-

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nity to meet the Rabbi, Ann Kanarek, Hadas & synagogue members.

Membership will also publicize open house events to be scheduled in May and June using the "Friday Night Plugged In" programs. An Electrifying Kabbalat Shabbat Service.

### Past President's Report Mitch Frumkin

**Construction:** Due to the delays in the project we have changed our meeting schedules with the Contractor and the Architect, to save costs. If we were to continue to use the Architect as we previously had, the additional cost would be approximately \$40,000. With the revised schedule, it will be approximately \$15,000. Effective immediately, the Contractor will be meeting with Mitch, Arie and Paul on a weekly basis to discuss the progress of the job. The Architect will perform periodic field inspections as necessary. Their primary role will be to approve each month's payment requisition as well as to approve all shop drawings. They will also be involved in an "as needed" basis.

**Schedule:** Due to the winter weather as well as coordination issues with the Contractor, the anticipated completion date has been moved to July 2004. The Contractor issues are primarily related to cash flow as well as the original mason deciding not to complete the work and a new mason has been hired. Over the last few weeks a number of meetings have taken place with the Contractor. Although we have not gotten ahead with payments, we have changed the payment process to protect ourselves further. This also protects us as we will know all contracts for materials and labor.

**Change Orders:** No additional Change Orders have been submitted.

Payments to date:

• Total Contract Value	\$1,513,500
• Approved Change Orders	\$21,712.31
• Total Completed to Date	\$557,100.00

• Retainage (\$ 36,110.00)

• Amount Paid to date \$ 520,990.00

This is based upon seven payment requisitions.

**Feedback Committee:** The Feedback Committee met with the Rabbi on January 8, 2004 and the Cantor and Rabbi on February 16, 2004.

**Adult Education Committee:** Classes have started and take place every Wednesday.

### School & Youth VP Report Harold Schneider

**USY:** The Mid-Winter Convention on February 6 – 8 was a huge success. We had about 310 USYers from throughout the region, plus advisors from many of the chapters. I want to thank everyone who was kind enough to help out. We are going to try to host this convention every few years in the future.

After almost three years, Steve Springer has resigned as advisor for our chapter. We are sorry to see him go, since he had some great accomplishments as our advisor. Audra Lifson will now be our chapter advisor, a promotion from assistant advisor.

Once again, USY and Kadima will be running our congregation's Purim Carnival. This year, it will be on Sunday, March 7, from starting at Noon.

**Kadima:** Current Kadima membership to date is 47, up from 37 last year. The Kadima Talents Show on January 29th had 16 participants. We had 3 winners, each of whom received a Blockbuster gift card. The winners were Rebecca Safeer, Aaron Bierstein, and Marc Katranetsky. We also had Kindergarten night on February 9th, which had 12 members attend.

Upcoming events are Ice skating at Pro-Skate on February 28th in Marlboro, we'll be having a bus. The Purim carnival (with USY) is March 7<sup>th</sup>. On March 14th there will be a group swimming event with West Windsor and Highland Park.

**College Committee:** The Purim packages have been sent to our college students, and the Passover packages are being prepared.

**Nursery School:** The Nursery School will have its Two's Purim Party and Parade on Thursday, March 2. These will be held the next day for Pre-K and Three's. On Monday, March 8, the Nursery School will take a trip to the State Theater to see "Very Eric Carle. The Nursery School Purim Carnival will be on Wednesday, March 10.

**Religious School:** The Sons of Tikvah Band will give a concert for our Religious School students on Sunday, March 7, at 11:00 a.m., just before the Purim Carnival.

On Sunday, March 14, the Bet Class will hold its PACT program, *G-d Talk*. The same day, the Alef Class will have a C.A.F.E. program, *Seder Plates*, with guest artist Inbar Bibring. The Gimel Class Shabbat service and dinner will be on Friday March 19. On Sunday, March 21, the Chai School will have a special program with guest artist Avi Zuckerman. The following Sunday, the Dalet and Hei classes will hold a Sephardic Seder with guest presenter, Rahel Musleah.

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### Ways and Means VP Report Mark Sherman

**Supermarket Scrip & Retail Scrip:** Lisa Siedman will be helping Bobbi Bergman on the financial side. Bobbi will still run personnel and distribution. They are continuing to work hard. The Sisterhood is also working hard selling retail scrip. Please support them by buying scrip and by helping to sell.

**Caribbean Schmooze Cruise:** The event committee has been working hard and we can look forward to lots of fun. We have already been receiving positive responses on the event. We have been seeing a lot of new names on the list so get your tickets in quickly.

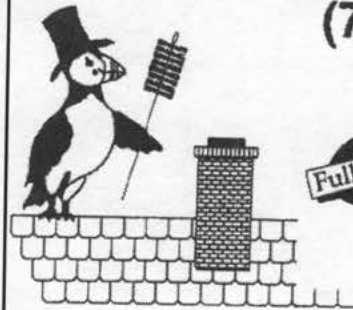
The 50/50 sales are coming along very slowly and I am asking the board and everyone else to help out to the best of their ability. Jeff Woller is chairing the 50/50. Please try to get Jeff Woller or myself tickets and money ASAP.

**Printer Cartridges:** We are collecting ink jet cartridges. There is a box in the office to drop them off. We will be placing ads in the upcoming Hakol. CBT receives \$2.00/cartridge.

**Car Donation:** We have set up a program to take donated cars. An ad has been placed in the upcoming Hakol. Detail to follow. We have had some interest so far. We have taken in 7 or 8 cars worth over \$2000.

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10 Nisan

# APRIL 2004

9 Iyar

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<p>4 13 Nisan</p> <p>Daylight Savings Time</p> <p>Spring Break</p> <p>SEARCH FOR CHAMETZ.</p>	<p>5 14 Nisan</p> <p>Fast of the First Born</p> <p>SIYYUM</p> <p>FIRST SEDER</p>	<p>6 15 Nisan</p> <p>PESACH</p>	<p>7 16 Nisan</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> DAY PESACH</p>	<p>8 17 Nisan</p> <p>Board of Directors</p>	<p>9 18 Nisan</p> <p>Birthday Shabbat</p>	<p>10 19 Nisan</p>
<p>11 20 Nisan</p> <p>Men's Club</p> <p>CHOL HAMOED</p>	<p>12 21 Nisan</p> <p>PESACH DAY 7</p>	<p>13 22 Nisan</p> <p>(YIZKOR)</p> <p>PESACH DAY 8</p>	<p>14 23 Nisan</p> <p>50+ Board Meeting</p> <p>Torah Lishma / Adult Ed</p>	<p>15 24 Nisan</p> <p>Presidents and Their First Ladies</p>	<p>16 25 Nisan</p> <p>Family Shabbat Service</p>	<p>17 26 Nisan</p> <p>B'nai Mitzvah: Corey &amp; Gregg Allen</p>
<p>18 27 Nisan</p> <p>Religious School</p> <p>Yom Ha' shoah Program</p> <p>"The Very Last Butterfly"</p> <p>Sisterhood Meeting</p> <p>YOM HA'SHOAH</p>	<p>19 28 Nisan</p> <p>School Board</p>	<p>20 29 Nisan</p> <p>New Beginnings</p> <p>Cantor's Adult Ed Class</p>	<p>21 30 Nisan</p> <p>Torah Lishma / Adult Ed</p> <p>ROSH CHODESH</p>	<p>22 1 Iyar</p> <p>Sisterhood Board</p> <p>USY Meeting</p>	<p>23 2 Iyar</p> <p>Bet Class</p> <p>Dinner &amp; Service</p>	<p>24 3 Iyar</p> <p>Tot Shabbat</p> <p>Past President's Shabbat</p>
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<p>2 11 Iyar</p> <p>Israeli Bond Breakfast</p>	<p>3 12 Iyar</p> <p>Board of Directors</p>	<p>4 13 Iyar</p> <p>50+ Board Meeting</p> <p>Cantor's Adult Ed Class</p>	<p>5 14 Iyar</p> <p>Torah Lishma / Adult Ed</p>	<p>6 15 Iyar</p> <p>Theatre Night</p> <p>USY Meeting</p>	<p>7 16 Iyar</p> <p>Alef Consecration</p>	<p>8 17 Iyar</p> <p>Bar Mitzvah: Matthew Cohen</p> <p>Tot Shabbat</p> <p>Bowling League - 9pm</p>
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<p>16 25 Iyar</p> <p>Sisterhood Meeting</p>	<p>17 26 Iyar</p> <p>RAC Meeting</p>	<p>18 27 Iyar</p> <p>50+ General Meeting</p> <p>Cantor's Adult Ed Class</p>	<p>19 28 Iyar</p> <p>YOM</p> <p>YERUSHALAYIM</p>	<p>20 29 Iyar</p>	<p>21 1 Sivan</p> <p>Family Shabbat Service</p> <p>ROSH CHODESH</p>	<p>22 2 Sivan</p> <p>Bar Mitzvah: Greg Rosen</p> <p>Tot Shabbat</p>
<p>23 3 Sivan</p> <p>Last Day of Religious School</p>	<p>24 4 Sivan</p> <p>All Closed</p> <p>Executive Committee</p>	<p>25 5 Sivan</p>	<p>26 6 Sivan</p> <p>Ice Cream Sundae</p> <p>Kiddush for Shavuot</p> <p>RS Graduation</p> <p>SHAVUOT</p>	<p>27 7 Sivan</p>	<p>28 8 Sivan</p>	<p>29 9 Sivan</p>
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