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## שנה טובה

### L'SHANAH TOVAH!

### 5765 HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

#### S'lichot

Saturday, Sept. 11: Program at 9:00 PM, Service at Midnight

#### Rosh Hashanah Eve

Wednesday, Sept. 15: Service 7:00 PM

#### Rosh Hashana

Thursday, Sept. 16:

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Tashlich 5:45 PM

Evening Service 6:30 PM

Friday, Sept. 17:

Morning Service 9:00 AM

Evening Service 6:30 PM

#### Shabbat, Sept. 18

Morning Service 9:30 AM

Evening Service 7:00 PM

#### Yom Kippur

Friday, Sept. 24: Mincha/Kol Nidre/Ma'ariv 6:40 PM

Saturday, Sept. 25: Shahreet 9:00 AM, Mincha-Neilah 4:45 PM

Final Shofar (ending fast) 8:02 PM

## OUR HAZZAN'S VOICE

Cantor Bruce Rockman

"Shalom Aleichem, Peace Be unto You", is a greeting between friends, the pen name of the noted Yiddish author, Shalom (Rabinowitz) Aleichem, and is the hymn, introduced by the kabbalists in the spiritual city of Sefad, that we recite each Friday evening upon returning home from the synagogue. As you know, we also sing Shalom Aleichem each Friday night in the synagogue prior to Kiddush and the oneg. The kabbalists based this hymn on talmudic teaching.

I was recently asked why we repeat each verse of "Shalom Aleichem" three times when we sing it at our Shabbat table. The simplest answer is that it is a "chazaka" (emphasis), to strengthen the interest in the subject matter. The Talmud also gives us an answer through our tradition of story telling. The stanzas each begin, as we pray to God through ministering angels ... "We wish you peace; attending angels.... Come to us in peace... Bless us with peace... Take your leave in peace... angels of peace..." (The entire text can be found on page 722 in *Siddur Sim Shalom*.)

The Talmud states that two angels accompany a person as the individual walks home from synagogue Friday night. These angels are in addition to the usual angel who accompa-

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nies each of us at all times. Hence, we have three angels in all. Thus we recite "Shalom Aleichem" one time for each angel.

The problem with this answer, according to the Talmud, is that people are usually accompanied by *two* angels at all times, making four in all. This can be answered according to the Zohar, which states that not two angels but rather two *groups* of angels accompany a person on Friday night. These, in addition to the usual group of two angels which accompany the person at all times, give us three groups in all. We recite one "Shalom Aleichem" for each group. This also explains the use of the plural "aleichem" - "unto You (plural)" - as well.

Another story about the hymn is told by the Kabbalist, Rabbi Yosi son of Rabbi Yehudah said: Two ministering angels accompany a person home on Friday night from the synagogue. One is an angel of good and one is an angel of evil. When the person arrives home to find that Shabbat candles lit, the table set and the beds made, the angel of good says, "May it be [Your] will that the next Shabbat should be the same." And against his will, the angel of evil answers, "Amen."

This quaint, almost innocent story makes a subtle point. Angels are spiritual forces sent by God. Rabbi Yosi is teaching us that God wants to help us, but He will only treat us the way we treat Him. If we honor His Shabbat with lit candles, a beautifully set table and a clean house, then through His angel, God promises to assist us to repeat this performance the following week. If we do not honor His Shabbat in these ways, then God has no choice but to assist us to continue the way we have chosen.

Thus, on Friday night, as we gather around the Shabbat table, in the presence of the shimmering candles, we sing a song to welcome the ministering angel. "Come and see how we have prepared for Shabbat. Come and see how beautifully we honor Shabbat. Bless us that it should be so next Shabbat as well!"

Angels, Angels, Angels. Our tradition is filled with these messengers of God. Thus letting us know, with emphasis, that we are truly never alone and God is protecting us. Shabbat is the embodiment of God's protecting presence. We are commanded to slow down; stay close to home, to enjoy hanging out with our family. Enjoy life! Welcome the Angels in to your home and savor your weekly, God given opportunity to have the truly peaceful, restful Shabbat experience with your all of your Angels by your side. This is truly some thing we can look forward to.

*Shalom Aleichem, Peace Be unto You,  
Cantor Bruce Rockman*

### SCHEDULE OF DAILY SERVICES

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

\*As appropriate for the time of year

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

# HAKOL

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 October HAKOL  
 must be in by  
 September 15**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Arie Behar

The first thing I did the day that I became an American citizen was register to vote. I remember the first time I stepped into the voting booth at Brunswick Acres School in November 1988. It was a local election and I felt the awesome responsibility of being able to elect my representatives. It may sound like a cliché but I really felt that my vote would be a deciding vote in this small town election and I felt privileged to be able to pull the levers and cast my vote.

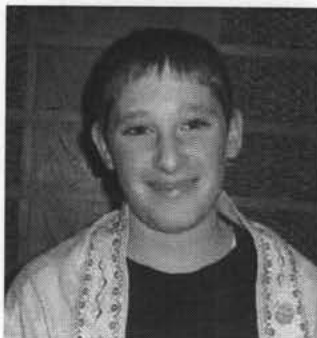
Although I was born and raised in a democratic country, I know that most people in the world do not live in such a democratic environment. For those of us who live in America, Europe, and other democratic countries, sometimes the privilege of voting is taken for granted. Turn out rates at the polls have been dropping, even for Presidential elections. We are just too busy, or think our vote doesn't count. We don't stop to consider the people in the world who are willing to die for the privilege of holding elections in a fair and open democratic nation.

**"For those of us who live in... democratic countries, sometimes the privilege of voting is taken for granted... I encourage you all to vote in November. Watch the debates, read about the issues and the candidates, review the unending propaganda, and make a careful choice."**

The Jewish community has always been proud of ourselves for being particularly active in the democratic process. The 2004 Presidential election is crucial. Regardless of whether you are a democrat or republican, the man who is going to be the next President will play a huge role in the future of Israel. Of course, as Americans, many other issues matter to us as well, such as the economy, the security of the country, the environment, and the war in Iraq. The next President will most likely nominate one or more judges to a Supreme Court that can change the direction of our country for many years to come.

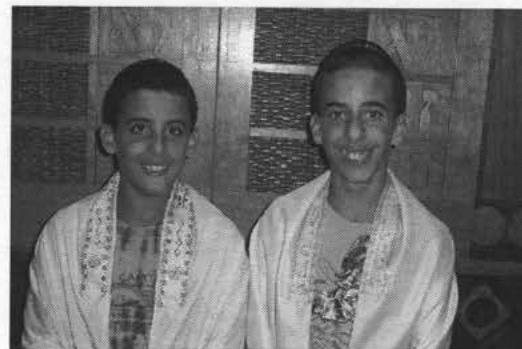
I encourage you all to vote in November. Watch the debates, read about the issues and the candidates, review the unending propaganda, and make a careful choice. Whatever you decide, go out and vote – even if it means touching a screen instead of pulling a lever.

## SEPTEMBER B'NAI MITZVAH



**Jordan Smith**  
**Sept. 4**

Son of  
Clifford & Amy  
Smith



**Aaron & Orran Bierstein**  
**Sept. 11**

Sons of  
Harris & Matica Bierstein

## BOARD AND VP REPORTS

From August, 2004 Board of Trustees Meeting

### Administration VP Report Dan Greenberg

After extensive price comparison and checking with other synagogues, we have selected a new telephone system, which will be installed starting August 16<sup>th</sup>. The system is a name brand (Avaya) and is being purchased outright.

Per the motion at the last board meeting, we will also wire the new building for telephone service at the same time.

Preparations have commenced for High Holidays – please contact Marc Binder, Marty Abschutz or Dan Greenberg if you would like to volunteer to help. There are plenty of jobs to go around. Sign up sheets will be passed around at the Board meeting for outside ushers (i.e. front door, front desk and sanctuary door) and for bimah duty. Please participate.

### Activities VP Report Gary Bergman

**Social Action:** The Social Action Committee is repeating their “food of the month” program, whereby they are asking congregants who attend meetings, to bring a food donation item when visiting the synagogue.

**Adult Education:** Several of our volunteer speakers from last year have agreed to do an encore or different performance this year. As soon as we can find someone to chair the committee, we’ll start work on the schedule.

**Calendar:** For the past three years, the calendar has been printed at wholesale prices but, this option is no longer available. After some shopping around, it was decided to have the calendar printed in Israel, both to support the Israeli economy and to save us money. For less than the cost of local printing, we will have a two- color (red

& black) version with a metal spiral binding. We expect to have the final product in our possession by the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of August.

We took in \$2,778 in advertising (slightly less than last year) and the printing cost for 500 copies will be under \$900. Mailing/distribution cost to be determined.

**Website/Communications:** Subscribers to the email CBT Newsletter has increased to 309 families.

### Membership VP Report Cindy Gittleman

**New Member Coffee House:** We will be having a prospective member coffee house event on AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00 PM. All board members are welcome to attend and help answer questions about the synagogue. Please let me know if you can attend.

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## A MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

Cindy Gittleman, V.P. Membership

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

**Daniel, Irene, Julie, Ben and Gil Goldman**

**Rees Klemish**

**Ruth Ann Crockitt, Samuel and Jamie Weiss**

**Bradley, Robyn,  
Alexander, Jacob and Lindsay Mitchell**

**Robert, Bonnie, Alex and Jacob Rizick**

**David, Jodi, Jared and Ethan Liebmann**

*The Membership Committee is always looking for new names to invite to synagogue events and send info... please contact membership@bnaitikvah.org*

### B'NAI TIKVAH T-SHIRTS !

Welcome Back to School! New T-Shirt sizes will be available for our younger religious school members. Sporting their B'nai Tikvah Tees at religious school will promote synagogue spirit and cut down on the time spent getting dressed early on a Sunday morning!

**Tee shirts will be sold  
Sunday, Sept. 12th  
at the Synagogue!**

Sizes will include Child Small (4-6), Child Medium (10-12) Child Large (14-16) Adult Small (same as Child XL).

Tee shirts are \$10 each, for 3 or more only \$8 each.



## ISRAEL TASKFORCE

Alan Kane, Chairperson



During the worst periods of the current Palestinian intifada, the print and broadcast news media often unfairly and inaccurately portrayed Israel as an irresponsible aggressor while casting the Palestinian terrorists as innocent victims. Lately, reporting on the conflict has been eclipsed by other national and international events, but biased journalism continues to haunt Israel as it works toward a solution to their intolerable situation. Although the intensity of media coverage has diminished somewhat, we need to keep in mind that the truth continues to be distorted and suppressed.

About eight months ago, the Israel Taskforce was formed with the mission to educate and inform our members about the issues that Israel faces. We have published in Hakol and emailed numerous articles that accurately described the cultural, political and historical facts that refute so much of the disinformation and assumptions circulated by the press and anti-Israel provocateurs. Going forward into a new year, we will continue to provide you with the information you need in order to recognize and see through the insidious bias against Israel.

Despite all of the political, economic and security problems, Israel continues to shine as a beacon of hope to the world. Most of Israel's medical and technical accomplishments that make the world a better place are never mentioned in the news. Here are a few recent developments that you should know about.

**Israel Ranks 3rd in the World for U.S. Patent Filing:** Israel was ranked third (in terms of ratio of population) in 2003 for the number of U.S. patents filed, behind Japan and Taiwan. The number of U.S. patents filed from Israel increased by 69 percent over the previous five years. The top five countries were Japan; Taiwan; Israel; Switzerland; and Sweden.

The number of U.S. patents filed from Israel rose by 20 percent in 2003, compared with 2002, despite the recession. 1,265 patents were filed in 2003,

compared with 1,042 in 2002, 1,023 in 2001, and 748 in 1999.

**Israeli device provides heart monitoring at home:** Ronen Arbel, the founder and CEO of medical devices start-up CardioMeter has developed an innovative diagnostic tool, which can evaluate a person's cardiovascular system in minutes, and assess the risk of a cardiovascular event such as a stroke or heart attack. The test, which takes just 90 seconds, is non-invasive and completely painless, and tests the functionality of three main physiological functions of a patient's cardiovascular system - arterial flow, which gives an indication of how well blood is flowing through the arteries; autonomic nervous system, which gives a picture of how the heart's control system is functioning; and arterial stiffness, which shows the flexibility of arteries. Low flexibility indicates high cholesterol levels, or high blood pressure - both high-risk factors. Together these indicators enable the calculation of a risk factor for future cardiovascular events.

**Israeli cell therapy tricks immune system into fighting cancer:** Israeli bone marrow transplantation pioneer Prof. Shimon Slavin and his team at the Hadassah University Medical Center in Jerusalem have developed an effective cancer therapy which intentionally mismatches lymphocytes and turns them into cancer killers.

The first two items were reprinted from "Israel Beyond Politics", a publication of the Consulate General of Israel in New York. If you would like to subscribe to any of their newsletters, register your email address at: <http://www.israelm.org/subscribe.htm>

The third item is reprinted from [www.Israel21c.org](http://www.Israel21c.org), "a nonprofit, nonpolitical organization dedicated to informing Americans about Israel beyond the conflict." You may register for a weekly newsletter on their website.



### Israel Bond Breakfast Honors Phyllis and Ed Rosen

On Sunday, May 23rd, the Israel Bond Breakfast honored Phyllis & Ed Rosen. The breakfast was graciously hosted by Amy & Arie Behar at their home. The keynote speaker was Gil Kleinman, Israel Security Force and Chief International Media Spokesperson. The Israel Bonds Committee would like to thank all attendees and donors.

*Larry Cohen, Chair Israel Bonds*

## THE OFFICE VOICE

**Nitsat Hadas Elami, Administrative Director**

Although the High Holidays still seem to be far away to most people, we at the office are already well into the midst of preparations.

As you arrive for services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur what you will see will be the wrapping on the package. What you won't see is all the preparation and time that went into the package to make everything look festive and for everything to run smoothly.

At the time when most people are just starting their Summer vacations, we at the office start preparing for the High Holidays. We begin with less time sensitive tasks such as copying and cutting the tickets, preparing the covers for the Memorial Book, and the High Holidays pledge cards. Our next step is to mail out different forms to the Congregation, including the order forms for the memorial plaques and the Memorial Books. As the memorial plaque orders are received, they are faxed to the company that does the engraving. It takes 6-8 weeks for the engraving company to prepare the plaques. The Memorial Books are prepared mostly in-house. There is a lot of work involved in putting the information together, editing and proofing it and then printing the booklets. At the same time and in addition to the above mailings, there are usually other mailings coordinated and sent out from the office from different Committees, the President and the Rabbi with information regarding the Holidays. The next step in the preparations is preparing for the distribution of the tickets, and stuffing envelopes with the correct number of tickets for each family.

About 4-5 weeks prior to the Holidays we start working on the physical preparations of the building and arrangements for the services. We contact the local police departments regarding traffic, a personnel company regarding the people we hire to check the tickets, rent extra chairs for the Social Hall and the Kiddush Room, and order the special white High Holidays Kippot.

As the Holidays get closer, there is actually less to do, assuming we

planned it properly and didn't forget anything. We make sure that everything and everyone will arrive on time, resolve unexpected problems and primarily answer a lot of phone calls from congregants with questions. During the last week prior to the Holidays, we start actually setting up the chairs, the High Holiday Siddurim, the baby-sitting classrooms and changing the appearance of the Sanctuary and the Ark. We also perform the last minute system checks to ensure that everything is working properly.

The office couldn't possibly get all this ready for the Holidays without the help of many volunteers. We are thankful

to anyone who can give us any amount of time to assist us with any tasks. The abbreviated list of tasks I included here does not nearly include everything performed by the office. We are just a small part in the big High Holidays preparations machine.

So, the next time you attend and take part in the High Holidays services, please don't take it all for granted. Please think about all that is involved in preparing for this special time and give silent thanks to the many volunteers who worked to make the High Holidays services so special for all of us.

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## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS

Ann Kanarek, Director

### *So What's "New"?*

This is the month for new beginnings. For children, new classes; for some of us, new jobs, new homes, new communities. Here at school, after a summer's respite, we have new programs planned, new students enrolled, many new teachers on staff and a new building (almost).

We shortly begin a new year--5765--and with it hopes, dreams and challenges. As I begin another year as your Director of Education, I too, have hopes and goals for our school and students. My goal for the school is to ensure that our children continue to have the opportunity to learn about Judaism in an atmosphere that is safe, comfortable and stimulating.

My hope is that B'nai Tikvah will continue to be a synagogue where all congregants will learn and grow as Jews.

### PARENT RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 12

All are welcome, especially new families, to come together for an orientation to our Religious School program. Parent reception and orientation for our Kindergarten, First grade, Alef, Bet, Gimel, Dalet and Hei families will be held on the first day of school, Sunday, September 12. Meet in the Sanctuary, Sunday, September 12, at 9:00 am or 10:40 am for a brief reception, discussion of our school program and Junior Congregation, parent volunteer opportunities and exciting upcoming events. Parent reception and orientation of our Second grade families will be held on either Tuesday, September 14 or Wednesday, September 22 at 4:10-4:30. Please meet in your child's classroom.

### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR/HANDBOOKS HAVE BEEN MAILED- Did you get yours?

By now you should have received the 2004-2005 Religious School Calendar/Handbook and your child's class/teacher assignment. Please call the school office (732-297-0295) if you have not yet received it.

*We look forward to a year that is exciting and enriching for your child and for you.*

*I wish you all a year that is sweet, rich in learning, and filled with good health, happiness, and peace!*

### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SEPTEMBER REMINDERS

**Sunday, September 12:**

Parent Reception Day and First Day of School for grades K,1,3,4,5,6,7

**Tuesday, September 14 or**

**Wednesday, September 22:**

First day of Religious school/Parent Reception Day for Second grade

**Sunday, September 19:**

First Day of Chai School

**Sunday, October 3:**

Rabbi's 4 "B" Program

First Grade PACT Program (10:30am-12:05pm):

*"Why Does it Always Rain on Sukkot?"*

**Thursday, October 7:**

Welcome New Students Ceremony, 6:00PM

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## USY

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*Audra Lifson, Advisor*  
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 732-545-8314

As we get closer to the upcoming year, I would like to take this time to introduce you to this year's USY board.

Co-Presidents: Ilana Katronetsky and Gary Marx.  
 Israel VP: Noah Levin.  
 Religious/Education VP: Alex Welsher.  
 SATO VP: Samatha Rudin .  
 Membership/Programing VP: Seth Robey  
 Communication VP: Jason Marx  
 Secretary: Rebecca Spigner.

We have many exciting events in the works and can't wait to start the fun. Come and join us as we work to become Haggalil 2005 Chapter of the year!

*Audra Lifson*

## KADIMA

[Kadima@bnaitikvah.org](mailto:Kadima@bnaitikvah.org)

Last year our Kadima chapter had over 50 members, and this year we want to get even more. This is where I need everyone's help. Kadima is a fun and social way for our young congregants to connect to their Jewish Community. Our group of members in grades 6 through 8 meets twice monthly for social and religious programs. Previous programs include shabbatons, dances, ice skating, mini-golf,, Chocolate Seder, swimming, bowling, Purim Carnival and other activities of interest to the members. Throughout the year, the group participates in various regional dances, conventions, and shabbatons with other NJ Kadima chapters.

Come and see for yourself! Hope to see you there! Just fill out the application form and return it to the Synagogue to enroll.

*Adam Sackett, Advisor*  
 908-284-1741 \* [adamds73@aol.com](mailto:adamds73@aol.com)

## Junior Congregation Honorees

Congratulations to the following students who earned our highest award for attendance. All of these students attended services over 30 times during the 2003-2004 school year. They will be honored at a special ceremony during Shabbat services in September in the main service.

Becca Binder  
 Matt Cohen  
 Jonathan Jacobs  
 Ellis Klein  
 Justin Korn  
 Benjy Levin  
 Hayley Nagelberg  
 Rebecca Safeer  
 Brian Wistreich  
 Michael Zadjura

Keren Brown  
 Evan Jacobs  
 Marc Katronetsky  
 Simone Klein  
 Samantha Kopelow  
 Daniel Levin  
 Jesse Nagelberg  
 Sarah Safeer  
 Lauren Wistreich

## B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

### Our Summer Pilgrimage: 30 Years Later

Our daughter Elyse says she "always knew" she would go on USY Summer Pilgrimage to Israel. After all, our family friends' children who are older than she is (and she always looked up to) had done Pilgrimage, so why wouldn't she? As we began to plan for her summer in Israel, we also felt it was time for our first Pilgrimage to Israel so that we could appreciate all that she would learn and do and gain for ourselves a firsthand experience in Israel.

We spent many hours searching for the ideal trip. We were not interested in a Family Tour as these often focused on a Bar/Bat Mitzvah (we were past this period of our lives) but wanted an "adults only trip". We were excited to learn that United Synagogue was going to sponsor its first "USY Parent Summer Pilgrimage" in the summer of 2004. This trip was designed to see Israel the way the USYers do (minus the Youth Hostels) and understand, first hand, the experience we were providing for Elyse.

On July 15<sup>th</sup>, we joined 13 other "Chalutzim" on the first USY Parents Pilgrimage. Many had been to Israel before, although not for many years, and for some (including Andy) it was their first trip. While I had been to Israel on a mission trip earlier this year, this trip would be my first time leaving Jerusalem or Tel Aviv. Some of us had children on Pilgrimage this summer while others had children that participated in the past few years. We all, however, had a desire to touch and feel the land of Israel and explore our heritage together.

The trip began with the "USY tradition" of saying Shechehanu, Kiddush, and Hamotzi at Yemen Moshe. Yemen Moshe is the first Jewish Community established in Jerusalem outside of the city walls by Sir Montefiore. It has the famous "windmill" landmark. How wonderful to overlook the old city and thank G- for bringing us to this day!

Throughout the next 12 days we would criss-cross the State of Israel. Our first Shabbat we spent together in Jerusalem. We left our hotel and walked as a group to an "egalitarian Orthodox" synagogue, Shir Hadasha! The sense of community was quickly forming. After services, we went to the home of Rabbi Paul and Nina Freedman for a Kiddush. Rabbi Freedman is a past-International president of USY and prior to making aliya, was Executive Director of USY. He and his wife host each and every pilgrimage group in their home. One of the real treats of our visit was when Nina taught us her special Shabbat song, "M'nucha V'Simcha". She made us all promise to teach it at home. (It's on page 24 of the B'chol Ehad if anyone wants to know).

As we headed North from Jerusalem after Shabbas, we learned of the Druze religion (lunch in their homes was terrific!), the battle for Jerusalem in 1948, the mysticism of Safed and the beauty of Tiberias and the Kinneret (Sea of Galilee). Our second day in the North was dedicated to the Golan Heights, Mount Bental, Valley of Tears, Baniyas water fall and, of course, shopping at Kibbutz Naot. Seeing the Golan Heights for the first time provided a whole new perspective

on the importance of this land for the safety of Israel.

In Tel Aviv, we heard David Ben Gurion's voice declare the State of Israel at the Hall of Independence and then walked the final steps of Yitzhak Rabin at Rabin Square. In one day we connected with two very different "watershed" moments for the State of Israel, each deserving of its own reflection.

Israel is both the modern and the ancient. Tel Aviv is a perfect reflection of the modern....a bustling busy city with skyscrapers and traffic jams. After leaving Tel Aviv, the next day we touched the ancient with an archeological dig at Bet Guvrin. Here we searched for clues of the Edemites and found remains from the Maccabean times. Crawling through the tunnels and caves provided us first hand views of what life was like 2500 years ago!

Traveling south and east from Jerusalem enabled us to experience the Bedouin culture and their hospitality before we prepared for our early morning hike up Masada. Seeing the sunrise over Masada and then saying Shacharit is truly an experience! One can only marvel at the fortress that was built without the luxuries of today's modern technologies. Leaving Masada and hiking to Ein Gedi was just another one of those special sights that must be seen. After hiking up hill, you come upon a beautiful waterfall and pool of water. A nice place for a swim!

We went back to Jerusalem to spend our second Shabbat. This was to be spent with our USYers (and their guests) or relatives. We had the pleasure of hosting 7 USYers (Elyse decided it was time for a Hagalil reunion) and getting to hear of all of their adventures. It was great to share in some of the "hot spots" as we had also traveled many of the same trails.

After saying good-bye to our youth and reuniting as a group, it was time to visit Yad Vashem and Har Hertzl. The stark contrast of paying respect to those who died because they had no homeland and to those who fought to insure our homeland exists was very emotional. As we toured Har Hertzl and the military cemetery, the personal stories that were shared by our Israeli guide brought tears to many eyes.

We completed our visit in Israel with a visit to Yad Lakashish (Lifeline for the Old) and tree planting. Once again, we saw the survival and joy that are intertwined in our lives daily.

A vacation in Israel allows every sense to be touched, every emotion to be felt. The comfort of being in the country, the feeling of being "home" is something that does not leave you. This year, as you begin to consider your summer vacation plans, why not consider your own "Summer Pilgrimage". You won't be sorry!

*Adrienne Ross*

# B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

## From The Webmaster

### Under The Weather

Towards the bottom of the B'nai Tikvah home page, there is an up-to-the minute display of the weather forecast for the North Brunswick area, courtesy of The Weather Channel. In recent weeks I have added other links of "local interest", such as movie listings, candle lighting times, and local newspapers. If you have anything else to suggest, I'll be happy to look into it, weather permitting.

### What have we done and what are we doing?

Since 1999, B'nai Tikvah has been archiving the Board of Directors meeting minutes online. Any congregant who is subscribed to the CBT Newsletter can access these files by logging into our group's website. For details, see the "communications" link on our website or contact the CBT webmaster.

As for what we are "going to do", the agenda for each upcoming Board of Directors meeting is posted a few days prior to the date of each meeting. Members in good standing are entitled to attend these meetings. We welcome your participation and involvement.

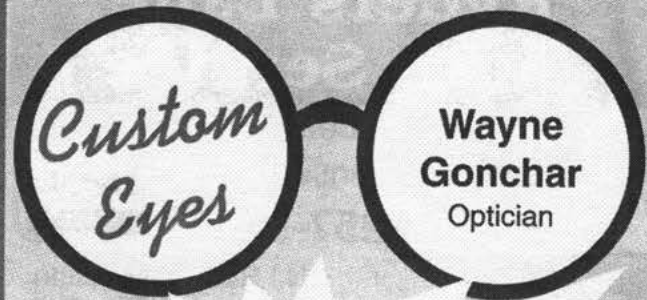
### Jewish Education Online at www.BnaiTikvah.org

If you have high-speed internet (Cable or DSL), butter up some popcorn and check out the link to Steven Spielberg's Jewish Film Archive.

There's also a link to Aish.com's "A Crash Course In Jewish History", a free e-mail service where you receive one chapter each week. Read it, print it, or even download it to your Palm-Pilot device.

More in-depth, fee-paid, online courses are available through the Jewish Theological Seminary. If you prefer courses that are up close and personal, watch for our new in-house classes and seminars to be available this year.

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## MEN'S CLUB

### SEPT 26 "Raise the Roof"

The Men's Club will kick off their 2004-2005 year with their first activity on Sunday morning, September 26, 2004 at 10am. The task for the morning will be the annual construction of the Sukkot.

Men's Club membership is NOT required. Please bring a ratchet set and a ladder (if you own either). We will provide a complete buffet breakfast, as usual.

The event is always a fun time for fathers and sons.

### OCT 10 "Medical Issues – Family Style"

The topic for our October 10, 2004 meeting will be "Medical Issues-Family Style." The meeting will follow our traditional bagels and lox breakfast buffet. Breakfast will start at 10am.

Our featured speaker for the meeting will be Howard Waksman, M.D., a temple member, and Critical Care and Pulmonary Specialist with the Critical Care Associates in East Brunswick and Somerset.

The charge for the breakfast and meeting will be \$4 per person.

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## Sisterhood

### Next Meeting: Sunday September 12:

Hopefully, everyone has had a great summer! It is time to join old friends and make new friends at the first Sisterhood meeting. Just joined the temple? Come to our first meeting and meet your fellow congregants. Get active and make new friends. Our first meeting is Sunday, September 12 at 10:00AM. Come for breakfast and fun. The Social Action committee asks that you bring peanut butter, cheese, crackers, granola bars, and juice boxes for the food bank.

### November 30- Save the Date!!

Paid-Up Membership Dinner. Food and entertainment. Do not miss this event. Cost? Just join Sisterhood!!

Do you still need Mah Jongg cards?? Sisterhood has 2 standard-sized cards left at \$6 each. If you are interested contact Fern Katronetsky at f.katronetsdy@ieee.org.

### Upcoming Sisterhood Fundraisers

Sisterhood is excited about the fundraisers that are planned for the upcoming year. Your support is greatly appreciated, so why not try them all? In fact, why not volunteer for the fundraising committee and find out first hand how much fun there is in fundraising? Either call Linda Feinstein at (732) 329-3185 or e-mail her at Lindapage@comcast.net to find out more. The following is a sampler of fundraising activities.

- **Flower Power** - Dress up your dining room table with beautiful flowers for Rosh Hashanah, Thanksgiving and Passover. Order forms will be mailed for each of the three holidays with Rosh Hashanah's coming to your mailbox soon. Gale Dillman is the chairperson for the first flower sale.
- Sisterhood's a basket case each year for Purim. This past Purim Sisterhood sold a record amount of **Purim baskets** filled with all kinds of goodies. In addition, we had a record number of families who were on the Golden Grogger list
- You are going to a seder, hosting a seder or need a good bottle of kosher for Passover wine. Where is there a diverse and extensive selection? Next year, as every year, Sisterhood will offer a very comprehensive list of wines during the **Passover wine sale**. Wines from around the world are offered at competitive prices
- **Mah Jongg Tournament** returns Sunday, April 10, 2005. Mark your calendars!

# B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

## SOCIAL ACTION

### Next Meeting: Monday, September 27th:

Please join us for the first social action meeting of the year on Monday, September 27th at 7:45, following minyan. We will be meeting the fourth Monday of each month.

This committee runs drives and attempts to meet the needs of the less fortunate in our community. We also are involved with Buckingham Place, an assisted living residence. We need volunteers to make great things happen. Whatever time you can give will make a difference. The possibilities are endless. Please put September 27th on your calendar and be a part of making a difference.

### Food of the Month

For the second year, we will be collecting specific food items each month for our local food banks and shelters. When you drop your child off for religious school or attend a meeting or program, please bring in one of the designated food items of the month. Your support is greatly appreciated. Please do not bring any food item on Shabbat.

#### September

**Juice boxes, cookies, crackers, snacks for lunches**

### Mitzvah Crib

The Mitzvah Crib is still here although its been relocated to the hallway of the synagogue office. All donated items are given to indigent families in New Brunswick. When you do your weekly shopping, pick up an item to drop in our Mitzvah Crib. Suggested items include: toys, rattles, books, diapers, wipes, powder, lotion, bibs, bottles, spill-proof cups and clothes. ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW.

### Cell Phone Program

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

All donated phones must have a battery and a charger. This program is on-going.

## Mazon Cards

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

## CLOTHING DRIVE

Autumn is around the corner and with it comes an opportunity to serve the less fortunate through an outreach mission, The ClothesLine. The ClothesLine is a mobile clothing bank (a 1977 school bus, seats removed, retrofitted with shelves and clothing racks) started four years ago to serve the needy of Middlesex County. It is a collaborative project of Middlesex Interfaith Partners with the Homeless (MIPH), Elijah's Promise, Inc., and several civic groups and businesses.

Each house of worship "adopts a month" during which the congregation is responsible for collecting excellent clothing (no stains, rips, missing buttons, broken zippers, etc.) sorting and sizing, helping with the distributions, and straightening /re-stocking the bus after visits.

Clothing is distributed to 600-1000 people each month in three locations: New Brunswick, at Elijah's Promise Soup Kitchen; Perth Amboy, at Glad Tidings Ecumenical Church; and Edison, at the Edison Job Corps Academy.

B'nai Tikvah has adopted the month of November to collect, sort and distribute the clothing. Due to scheduling constraints, we will actually be collecting clothing in October.

### NEEDED FOR OCTOBER:

Infant's, children's, men's and women's items in excellent condition, please. Winter jackets, hats, gloves, undershirts, T-shirts, casual long sleeved shirts, sweatshirts, sweaters, jeans, casual pants, children's pajamas, casual shoes, boots, small toys, games, children's books, new underwear and socks in packages only, lots of blankets and sleeping bags.

**To volunteer, or learn more about the project, contact Laura Waksman at [Laurawaks@comcast.net](mailto:Laurawaks@comcast.net).**

### SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

**Sunday, October 10th - Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>** - Clothing collection. Bags of clothing can be placed in bins in front of the synagogue office. Due to limited storage space in the synagogue, volunteer families are needed to retrieve donated clothing from the office and store it in their homes until October 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 10A.M.**- Sorting and sizing of the clothing at the synagogue. We need 12 teenagers/adult volunteers to help with this very important task.

**Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> and November 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:45-4:30 P.M.**- distribution of clothing to 200-250 needy people each Sunday at Elijah's Promise Soup Kitchen, New Brunswick. We need 5 volunteers age 16 and up on each Sunday to perform this very important Mitzvah. Volunteers from The ClothesLine will be there to guide us.

**Together we can do so much. Thank you.**

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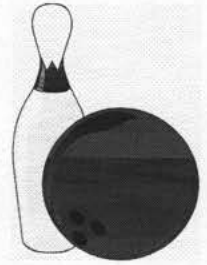
**September 28 at 1 P.M**

The Fifty Plus group invites all members, prospective members and guests to our meeting on September 28 at 1 P.M. in the Social Hall of the Synagogue.

The program will feature a presentation by our members Adrienne and Herbert Mars, of the film "A Bridge of Books", the story of the National Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, Massachusetts. Our member, Aaron Rosloff will be adding some of his personal information about the book center. Come and hear about our future activities. Refreshments will be served in the Succah.

For further information please call Doris at 609-860-1498 or Madeline at 732-297-4240.

## Bowl With B'nai Tikvah



Those who attended our end-of-season dinner at Lin's Kosher Chinese thought it was our best season ever. This year will be a shorter season due to the holidays. We are bowling one Saturday every month at 8 pm, starting October 9<sup>th</sup> at the Carolier Brunswick Zone on Route 1 in North Brunswick. There are many openings for individuals, couples, and teams. So, if you can make most of these Saturday night dates, we'd love to have you.

**Oct. 9**

**Feb. 26**

**Nov. 6**

**Mar. 19**

**Dec. 18**

**Apr. 2**

**Jan. 8**

**May 14**

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Barbara, Joe, Kay and Sam Schwartz, in honor of Samuel Schwartz's Graduation  
Debbie and Mike Carbone, in honor of Michael F. Carbone

### Ritual Fund:

### Library Fund:

### Torah Restoration Fund:

### Tzedakah Fund:

Janet and Marcel Szpiro are proud to announce the marriage of their son Andrew to Gabriella on June 14, 2003  
Janet and Marcel Szpiro, with love and pride and much mazel for their daughter Sheryl and Son-in-law Marc

### Social Action Fund:

Lisa, Gary, Jessica and Joshua Warner, in memory of Mildred Rood (Gary's grandmother)

### General Fund:

Michael Greenfield, in honor of Israel's Independence Day  
Betty and Marvin Stark, in memory of Ruth Kasdin  
Klaire and Jules Katz, in memory of Paul Kurschner (father of Dan Kurschner)  
Anna and Warren Willingham, in honor of Ruth Adler's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday  
Ruth Ann Simandl and Harold Gerr, in honor of Arie Behar becoming B'nai Tikvah's President  
Rachel and John Philipp, in honor of Ruth Adler's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday  
Rhoda and David Pramer, in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Eileen and Robert Robison  
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Jules Kessler, in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Eileen and Robert Robison

## BOARD AND VP REPORTS

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#### Outreach Phone Calls:

As an effort to "touch" each member of our congregation, and help them to feel more connected, all members of the board, will be asked to call a list of our fellow congregants and say hello. Our hope is by trying a one to one outreach, inactive synagogue members will learn more about BT and what it has to offer on a very personal level.

**Focus Groups:** Over the course of the coming year, a series of focus groups will be held to learn more about the needs and wants of our congregation. They will be done in a small group format, invitation only.

**Tee Shirts:** B'nai Tikvah wear was well received this year and will continue to be sold.

**Volunteer Recognition Event:** In the spring, Membership will organize a "THANK YOU" party for all our members who have helped out over the year.

(the Jewish year). It will be an open invitation for all volunteers ( identifying themselves). Any ideas, please feel free to share them!

#### Past President's Report Mitch Frumkin

**Construction:** As presented at the Board meeting last month we will be experiencing a budgetary over run over and above our contingency amount for the reasons explained. At present a firm amount of this over run cannot be finalized although it appears to be approximately the same as discussed at last months meeting. It appears that we have now uncovered the vast majority of the problems left to us when we terminated the general contractor. While initially these issues slowed down the pace of construction we now are moving ahead relatively smoothly. As part of the transition from the GC to running the pro-

ject ourselves we have been left with the subcontractors originally hired by the GC. While most of these have proven to be competent, we have just this past week taken the excavation portion of the contract away from the excavator and added this work to the scope of the mason. These was primarily due to scheduling and not work quality.

#### Current Status:

1) Schedule. The anticipated completion date is late September.

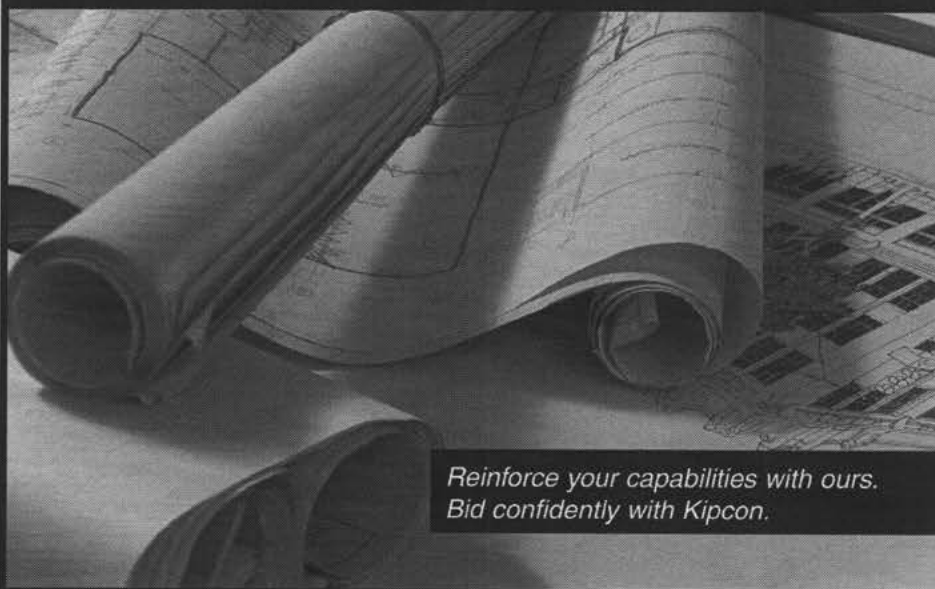
2) This past month the concrete floor slab was poured in approximately 50 % of the building with the remaining slab installation planned for this coming Thursday.

3) This past month the exterior insulation finish system (EIFS) at the upper part of the multi purpose room has been over 50% completed.

4) This past month the roof has been completed over the entire building

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and only has ancillary work required for completion.

5) It is anticipated that the majority of windows will be installed this week.

6) It is anticipated that the interior studwork, electrical HVAC, plumbing and sprinkler system work will proceed quickly upon installation of the windows and completion of the floor slab.

7) We have entered into a contract for the parking lot repairs. It is anticipated that the major reconstruction work will take place in the next two weeks with a complete overlay planned for before the holidays.

**Feedback Committee:** While the meetings have been proceeding in a sporadic nature, this committee is looking for some direction from the Board in regards to its ultimate purpose since the meetings are typically not of a productive nature since it is very rare any feedback is received from the Congregation. Any suggestions would be appreciated.

**Adult Education Committee:** This committee is in the process of being reorganized for the coming year by Gary B. Anyone interested in working on this should contact him.

### Ways and Means VP Report Mark Sherman

**Supermarket Scrip & Retail Scrip:** Marc Binder has taken over the scrip committee. I am still waiting for his written report to close out the year. I will have for board meeting. Mark Binder is going to propose a elimination of the \$60.00 assessment at the next board meeting.

**The Event:** We are honoring Mitch and Arlene Frumkin for the main event. This will be chaired by Ari Behar. We will be raising money through an ad journal.

**Printer Cartridges:** We are collecting ink jet cartridges. There is a box in the office please just drop them off. We have sent in a box and are sitting on several new boxes to be sent out.. CBT will receive \$2.00 per cartridge. We have received several hundred dollars so please keep on bringing in the cartridges.

**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. We have spoken to our car purchaser and he will split the cost of ads in the Jewish paper.

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First meeting Tuesday Sept 7th

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## JORDAN SMITH COLLECTING TOYS FOR MITZVAH PROJECT

Dear Congregants,

I will be making my Bar Mitzvah on September 4, 2004. For my mitzvah project, I will be collecting toys for needy children in New Brunswick, NJ. I will be also be using part of my Bar Mitzvah gifts towards this mitzvah project. I would be honored if the people at my Bar Mitzvah and members of B'nai Tikvah contribute to this mitzvah project.

If you are interested in helping with this cause, please bring new unwrapped toys to the temple office throughout the summer. Thank you in advance for contributing to this mitzvah project. These children will be very pleased. Thank you,

*Jordan Smith, 732-297-8556*

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