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HAKOL

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Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday,
November 21
7:00 PM

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Adult Education

**Maimonides:
Life and Works**

Wednesdays 7:30pm

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Rutgers Jewish Film Festival 2004

November 4 - 14

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SAVE THE DATE! THE GALA EVENT! MARCH 13, 2005

RABBI ELIGBERG SPEAKS

Dear Haverim,

The great biblical commentator Rashi poses an interesting question on the opening verse of the Torah, "When God began creating Heaven and Earth". Rashi does not focus on the nature of God or the process of creation, rather he asks why the Torah begins at the dawn of existence rather than with the first commandment received by the Israelites in the Book of Exodus. In his answer, Rashi contends that the purpose of the Book of Genesis - the history of creation and the stories of the Patriarchs - is to establish Israel's just claim to the land.

The events described in the book of Beresheet serve another important purpose as well. They are the family history. They connect us, through people and events, to real people facing the trials and tribulations of life and

family. The episodes help us understand our place in the chain of family and the claim that family has on us. Just as the network of family relationships - parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and others - help us in the complicated process of identity formation, the narratives of Beresheet help define our identity as part of a covenanted community involved in a unique relationship with God.

The Torah, through the lives of our distant ancestors, teaches about the moral choices and human dilemmas that the journey of life inevitably confronts us with. We delve deeper into each story and learn how to progress along the path we choose from amongst those chosen for us by those who came before us. As we read and reread these stories and struggle to understand them they become more important to us and the words become part of our reality. As our understanding of these episodes grows, we ourselves grow into the people we should become; fulfilling our promise.

This process of acquiring Torah which was a given for earlier generations is now no longer a given. The commitment to read the story of Beresheet as part of creating our moral map and track of tradition is increasingly challenged by modernity's complex demands. For too many Jews the histories of our ancestors are perceived as simple stories, vague on details and no longer resonant with layers of meaning.

This year's celebration of Jewish Book Month offers us the opportunity to reassert our identity as the people of the book, to read the stories of the past anew; to integrate them into the fabric of our lives; to discover for ourselves the grandeur and mystery which our ancestors did in their encounters with the biblical text and through the text draw closer to the Holy One.

With blessings,

Rabbi David M. Eligberg

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Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday,
November 21, 2004 7:00 PM

Islamic Society of Central Jersey,
Route 1 at Stout's Lane,
South Brunswick

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

Sponsored by
The South Brunswick Area Clergy Association

Ritual Activity Committee Meeting Dates:

November 11th and December 12th.
All meetings start with minyan at 7:30pm
Interested in joining? Contact Bobbi Binder

Services on the
Thursday morning of Thanksgiving
are at 9 AM.

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**

OUR HAZZAN'S VOICE

Cantor Bruce Rockman

So how do we do it? Do you remember the Nike advertising campaign, "Just Do It!"? I recently saw a sticker on one of our student's prayer books that paraphrased this motto, Just Do It! Do Jewish! A simple message declaring one person's pride in whom she is.

As members of this congregation I see no shortage in Jewish pride. What does it actually mean to "Do Jewish"? I'm sure it is not the same to all of us. Our traditional values nourish us. We love Israel and we support our spiritual home, most of us yearn to spend time there. Social action is in our blood, generations of American Jews have stood at the vanguard of societal change. As a religious community we built this synagogue to express our aspirations a Jews. Each day people pray to God and learn in this synagogue.

Just Do It!
Do Jewish!

God, Israel, social action, prayer, and learning, these are our core Jewish values. How we do these are personal. But as Conservative synagogue, where we look for spiritual guidance, the way we live our lives can be very simple. Follow the rules, it's very simple. But for so many in the congregation, who do not know the rules, synagogue life can be very complicated and overwhelming, scary and intimidating.

You've heard this before, B'nai Tikvah, as a Conservative congregation is traditional and bound by the standards and practices of our movement as taught to us by our rabbinic leadership. It sounds and is restrictive. But as you know, as we search for meaning in our lives there are correct ways to conduct ourselves. Judaism provides us a warm and nurturing path, one that does present challenges.

"Just Do It"! Do what? What do you do? What do you aspire to do? Why do you want to do it? What are you going to do about? What can I do to help you? I'm overwhelmed just asking the questions.

Dr. Ron Wolfson is Vice-President and Director of the Shirley and Arthur Whizin Center for the Jewish Future of the University of Judaism in Los Angeles wrote. "There are many

routes on the road to Jewish living. There are many on-ramps and access roads. For some, it will be enhancing their personal celebration of a holiday. For others, it may be a search for spirituality. For some, it will be tzedakah work. For others, it may be moving to a new level of kashrut observance. For some, the adventure of Jewish living may be just beginning. For others, the task is to respond to the challenges facing those nearing the end of the journey"

For committed members of a synagogue this is good route for beginning a journey, but it is simplistic. What can we do to assure a sense of Jewish accomplishment and growth? If you have ever read my articles in the past, you know that I'm asking you to think, to examine your Jewish soul, I'm trying to encourage growth. I think that we must strive to grow in every way. Spiritual, moral and personal development is our task, our mission. I believe that if we "Just Do It!" we will progress.

So ask me what can we do. Please, Please, Please, let me hear from you! Write, call or email Let's make a personal growth plan. I will be my pleasure to help you write an outline. Or Just Do It!

Worship the Adonai in Gladness...with joyous song!
Cantor Bruce Rockman

Save the Date!

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For information call 732-432-7711 ext. 15

Do you like to sing?

**All are invited to join in a new workshop
on Thursday nights following Minyan.
Contact Cantor Rockman for details.**

ADULT EDUCATION

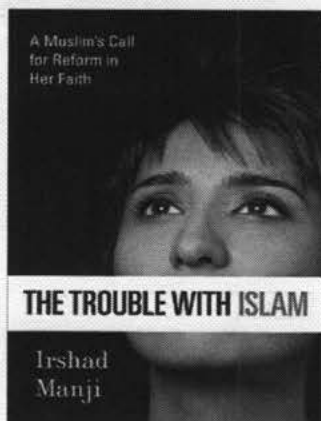
Maimonides: Life and Works

In commemoration of Maimonides' 800th yearzeit, our adult education program will begin with six sessions exploring the life and works of one of Judaism's greatest philosophers and halachists.

Wednesdays:
November 3, 10, 17, and December 1, 8, 15
7:30pm

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Irshad Manji

Best-selling author of *The Trouble with Islam: A Muslim's Call for Reform in Her Faith* and *Risking Utopia: On the Edge of a New Democracy* and, host of Toronto TV's "Big Ideas."

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2004
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY - MC COSH 50
7:30 PM

"If we survive this current war without unthinkable casualties, it will be because Irshad Manji's kind of liberalism didn't lose its nerve. Think of Manji as a nerve ending for the West - shocking, raw, but mercifully, joyously, still alive." (Andrew Sullivan, TIME Magazine review)

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HAKOL

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**All Submissions for the
 December HAKOL
 must be in by
 November 15**

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All e-mail submissions are acknowledged via e-mail. You may also put your information 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.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Arie Behar

To most of my friends in Israel, the only option of Judaism available is Orthodox and therefore, most of them do not practice 'organized Jewry' at all. As strange as it seems to us here in the U.S., the religious options in Israel are limited because of politics. As you know, the political system in Israel is a Parliamentary system. The Knesset (parliament) consists of 120 members and in order for any party to have the majority, they must engage in coalition negotiations with the small minority Orthodox religious parties. During the past 50 years, all the governments in Israel have been forced to create a coalition with a religious party.

Obviously, this system exposes the government to blackmail by this small religious group and as a result a lot of money flows to just a few people. But, more importantly, the freedom of selecting religious preference is taken away since the other streams of Judaism, such as Reform and Conservative Judaism, do not get governmental support, while Orthodox gets full support from the government.

The problem is that most of the secular population in Israel respects and loves the Jewish tradition but are in deep conflict with its messengers, the Orthodox Rabbinical Establishment.

When my friends come to visit me in America, and I take them to our synagogue, they always tell me that if they could have the option to practice Judaism the way we do here, and if they could go to the synagogue and sit in the Sanctuary with their wives and children, they will be more involved and be more interested in practicing Judaism.

This is why I believe that Conservative Judaism is the best and most appealing stream of Judaism for my family and me. With this kind of Judaism, I have the opportunity to pray in the (nearly) traditional Orthodox way but yet have the freedom to pray with my daughters and my wife next to me, and watch as they participate fully in services. I can't pray at the Orthodox Shul because I want to pray sitting with my family, and I can't pray in the Reform Shul because for me personally, it's taking it too far to the other extreme.

Being Conservative is not always easy. We are still debating and looking for the best way to establish our identity. It is easier to be either Orthodox or Reform...

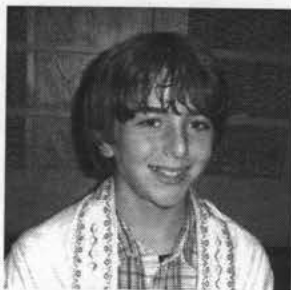
Being Conservative is not always easy. We are still debating and looking for the best way to establish our identity. It is easier to be either Orthodox or Reform, since their identity is very clear, but we are still struggling through in the middle, searching for our path which is not always smooth. In our B'nai Tikvah community, the difference

between those who prefer a more Orthodox approach, and those who prefer a more Reform approach, is sometimes difficult to reconcile. But the truth is that we are and should be open, attempting to fit everybody's needs, as long as we understand that when we are in the building, the integrity of the institution is the one that prevails and everything we do inside the building or on behalf of the institution must be in accordance with the traditional Conservative movement. In our own homes, we can live our lives in accordance with our own guidance and our own code of life.

It's not always easy, but I think somehow we will all discover that Conservative Judaism is the most comfortable stream of Judaism to live by.

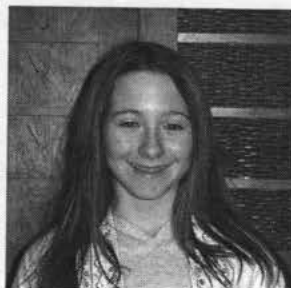
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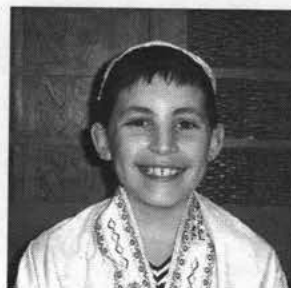
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Alan & Wendi
Chinich



Lindsay Gotfried
Nov. 13

Arnie & Joan
Gotfried



Gary Goldsmith
Nov. 20

Fred & Debra
Goldsmith



Arielle Halpern
Nov. 27

William & Joyce
Halpern

BOARD AND VP REPORTS

From October, 2004 Board of Trustees Meeting

Administrative VP Dan Greenberg

Todah Rabah and Yasher Koach to all who helped with schlepping the chairs, sidurrim, machzorim, TV, and a whole lot more for the High Holidays. Without their help, we simply wouldn't have been prepared. Thank You!

We continue to patch the roof whenever we spring a leak, which is on a continuous basis. The current roof repair contract expires at the end of the calendar year, and it is very possible that they will decline to renew the contract based on the poor condition of the roof. Last week's heavy rains caused 2 leaks in the sanctuary, 1 in the lobby, and a small leak in the school wing. We are lining up other companies to take over repairs, but the bottom line is that we will need a new roof over the sanctuary wing in the not-too-distant future.

Activities VP Gary Bergman

Hakol: Last year, due to budgetary concerns, the April & May Issues were combined. This year, because of increased advertising revenue, it will not be necessary to omit May's issue.

Adult Education: The first Adult-education meeting is scheduled for October 11 at the home of Gary Bergman. It is anticipated that the schedule of classes will extend beyond just Wednesday evenings at the synagogue.

Programming & Recreation: The record of Community Commitment pledge cards has been given to Steve Juro, chairman of the Recreation committee. Both Steve and I will make the best use of these leads.

Membership VP Cindy Gittleman

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. New smaller children sizes will be sold during the fall.

Volunteer Recognition Event: In the spring, membership would like to 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!

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A MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

Cindy Gittleman, V.P. Membership

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Boris, Luba, Simona and Julia Lekht

Gary and Rachel Rodriguez

Mitchell, Matthew and Tamara Rucko

Is life getting a little stale?

*Is your routine:
Work, Eat, TV, Bed?*

Want to do something different?

Meet new people?

**Learn how you can spice up
your life at B'nai Tikvah!**

**Contact: Cindy Gittleman,
VP Membership**

732-274-2253

membership@bnaitkvah.org

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

THE OFFICE VOICE

Nitsat Hadas Elami, Administrative Director

In recent years, we have been using emails as a way of communication more and more. Here at B'nai Tikvah we have many ways in which you can use email to make corresponding with us easier and to receive information from us in a more timely manner.

When you are trying to reach us, you can always send us an email instead of trying to call or come in. An email will give you the option of leaving more details than you might leave in a voice-mail message and will sometimes make it easier for us to respond. Sending the information in an email also makes it easier to send it to more than one person at once. When you do send an email, please don't forget to sign your name at the end, since not all email addresses will reveal to us who you are.

All of our email addresses can be found on our web site: www.bnaitikvah.org.

For convenience, here is a short list of email addresses:

Rabbi: Rabbi@bnaitikvah.org
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 Administrative Director: Admin@bnaitikvah.org
 Roz: Office@bnaitikvah.org
 Miriam: Miriam@bnaitikvah.org
 Religious School: School@bnaitikvah.org

An additional useful tool are our yahoogroups mailing lists that come to you via e-mail. We have two lists going. One, btannounce@yahoogroups.com is only for official announcements that come from the office or the webmaster. The other list, called the bnaitikvah@yahoogroups.com list, any member of the list can post to, so it has more of community and social nature. One cool feature of the bnaitikvah@yahoogroups list is that it can come as either individual e-mails, as each member sends them, or as a "digest", which is one consolidated e-mail a day, combining all the e-mails to the list posted that day.

Joining the official announcement mailing list will help you receive the most up-to-date information regarding our upcoming events (the weekly announcements), plus info on births, deaths and any other information that is important to get out to our members in a timely manner. Joining If you would like to join either mailing list, you can do it online at our web site, or e-mail Webmaster Gary Bergman, webmaster@bnaitikvah.org.

When using our e-mail system, there are also some precautions that should be taken, and there is some internet etiquette to follow. First, when sending or replying to an email on the yahoogroups list, remember that all subscribers will be able to see your post. Be careful to learn the difference between clicking "REPLY" to an e-mail from the list, and responding off-list, in private to an individual, (which requires composing a "new" e-mail with just that person's address).

Another thing to note when e-mailing someone with a "@bnaitikvah.org" address, is that any email that is sent to a bnaitikvah.org address that is not valid goes to my account. Please don't send any confidential information without verifying the email address you are sending it to.

Also, please be advised that copies of all emails sent to the rabbi@bnaitikvah.org and cantor@bnaitikvah.org accounts are also sent to the Assistant to the Clergy for administrative purposes.

Contacting the clergy confidentially: If you would like to send a confidential email to the Rabbi, please use the following address which is only viewed by Rabbi Eligberg: moshemoose@aol.com. Please note that the moshemoose@aol.com account is not checked as frequently as the rabbi@bnaitikvah.org. The private email address for Cantor Rockman is: cantorbt@optonline.net. If you have an urgent matter to discuss with the Rabbi or Cantor, it is always best to call the synagogue and ask the office staff to notify the clergy. My email, admin@bnaitikvah.org and voice mail for "Hadas" are both private. The individual bnaitikvah.org email accounts of the members of the Board of Trustees are private as well.

Additionally, you can call the synagogue office at 732-297-0696 and request to leave a voicemail for the Rabbi or Cantor. These voicemail messages are always private, unless, in a rare occurrence, one of the clergy is unable to check his voicemail for a period of time, and requests that the Administrative Director or Assistant to the Clergy checks it for him. This is an extremely rare occurrence.

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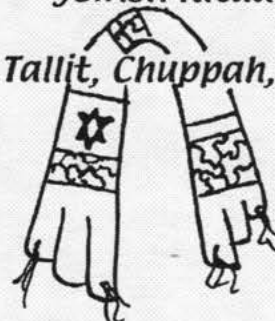
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A TIMELINE. PART ONE: 1654 – 1775

1654: Jewish Community Established in North America. Jewish refugees fleeing persecution in Recife, Brazil, arrive in New Amsterdam. The 23 Recife Jews were to become the first Jewish community in North America, though individual Jews had been there possibly as early as the Spanish conquistadors in the west.

1655: Asser Levy Wins Right to Serve in Militia, Own House. Asser Levy, one of the Recife Jews, wins the right to serve the militia. In 1661, he also becomes the first Jew to own a house in North America.

1664. Jews Granted Freedom of Worship and English Citizenship in New York. Following the expulsion of the Dutch authorities, the Jews of what is now New York City are granted the freedom of worship and the rights of English citizenship under their new governor, Richard Nicols.



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1654 ~ 2004**

1675: Jews of Newport, R.I. Build Cemetery.

The Jewish community of Newport, Rhode Island establishes their own cemetery, the first in America. It is the oldest existing Jewish cemetery in the U.S. and later becomes the subject of a Henry Wadsworth Longfellow poem, entitled "The Jewish Cemetery at Newport."

1717: Lewis Gomez builds Gomez Mill House.

In approximately 1717 Lewis Gomez, an early Jewish merchant, builds a massive stone house in a hollow on the main road to the sacred Indian site known as The Devil's Dance Chamber, near Newburgh, New York. The house, now known as the Gomez Mill House, is the oldest surviving Jewish home in North America.

1730: Mill Street Synagogue Built. The Shearith Israel Congregation in New York City opens the Mill Street synagogue, the first Jewish house of worship in North America.

1730s-50s: Jewish Communities Grow in North and South. Significant Jewish populations appear in Philadelphia, Savannah, Charleston and Newport.

1735: Hebrew Character Text Book Published.

Judah Monis, the first Hebrew teacher in America, publishes A Grammar of the Hebrew Tongue at Harvard College. It is the first book using Hebrew type to be published in America. Monis was required to convert to Christianity before taking his position at Harvard.

1760: English Translations of Jewish Prayers Printed. The first English translations of Evening Services for

Rosh-Hashanah and Yom Kippur are printed in New York. They are attributed to a merchant named Isaac Pinto.

1773: Shavuot Service Attended by Governor of Rhode Island. Joseph Wanton, the governor of Rhode Island attends a Shavuot service in Newport. It is the first recorded presence of a civil authority at a Jewish religious ceremony.

1774: Isaac Abrahams Graduates from Kings College. Isaac Abrahams graduates from Kings College (later Columbia University) in New York. He is the first Jewish student to do so.

1775: Francis Salvador Serves as Delegate to South Carolina Provincial Congresses. Francis Salvador, a London born landowner, serves as a delegate to the South Carolina Provincial Congresses in 1775. He is the first Jew in America to hold elective office as well as the first Jew to die in the Revolutionary War.

1775: Jews of New York Granted Full Rights. The Jews of New York are granted full rights under the New York State constitution, which abolishes religious discrimination.

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FACTS ABOUT ISRAEL

Every week, the website www.ISRAEL21C.org publishes a free email newsletter. Their mission is to provide articles on Israeli advancements in health, technology and democracy with the hope that they will create a greater awareness about the vibrant Israel which exists beyond headlines of conflict. Here is a list of interesting facts about Israel that you can read more about by going to their website:

Israel, the 100th smallest country, with less than 1/1000th of the world's population, can make claim to the following:

Israel has the highest average living standards in the Middle East. The per capita income in 2000 was over \$17,500, exceeding that of the UK. Israel's \$100 billion economy is larger than all of its immediate neighbors combined.

Israel has the highest ratio of university degrees to the population in the world. Twenty-four percent of Israel's workforce holds university degrees - ranking third in the industrialized world, after the United States and Holland - and 12 percent hold advanced degrees. Israel leads the world in the number of scientists and technicians in the workforce, with 145 per 10,000, as opposed to 85 in the U.S., over 70 in Japan, and less than 60 in Germany.

Relative to its population, Israel is the largest immigrant-absorbing nation on earth. Immigrants come in search of democracy, religious freedom, and economic opportunity.

The cell phone was developed in Israel by Motorola, which has its largest development center in Israel.

Most of the Windows NT operating system was developed by Microsoft-Israel. This is the core technology for Windows 2000 and XP. The Pentium MMX Chip technology was designed in Israel at Intel. The technology for AOL Instant Messenger was developed in 1996 by four young Israelis. Both Microsoft and Cisco built their only R&D facilities outside the US in Israel.

According to industry officials, Israel designed the airline industry's most impenetrable flight security. U.S. officials now look to Israel for advice on how to handle airborne security threats.

An Israeli research team has found that the combination of electrical stimulation and chemotherapy makes cancerous metastases disappear.

Israel's Given Imaging developed the first ingestible video camera, so small it fits inside a pill. Used the view the small intestine from the inside, the camera helps doctors diagnose cancer and digestive disorders.

Researchers in Israel developed a new

device that directly helps the heart pump blood, an innovation with the potential to save lives among those with congestive heart failure.

Israel has the largest raptor migration in the world, with hundreds of thousands of African birds of prey crossing as they fan out into Asia.

Israel is the only country in the world that entered the 21st century with a net gain in its number of trees.

In response to serious water shortages, Israeli engineers and agriculturalists developed a revolutionary drip irrigation system to minimize the amount of water used to grow crops.

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Rutgers New Jersey Jewish Film Festival 2004

November 4 - 14, 2004 at The Regal Cinema Commerce Center, North Brunswick

New Jersey Premiere
Wondrous Oblivion

Director: Paul Morrison; England 2003
106 min. In English

Thursday, November 4 at 7:30 PM
In person: Producer Jonny Persey

6:00 PM - OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION

Preceding the film featuring buffet, dessert,
and live music by Greg Wall's Later Prophets

Matinee Screening: Sunday, November 14 at 1:30 PM

Eleven year old David Wiseman loves cricket but is a terrible player. When a Jamaican family moves in next door and builds a cricket net in the back garden, David is in seventh heaven. But when the neighbors start to make life difficult for the new arrivals, David's family is caught in the middle, and he has to choose between fitting in and standing up for new friends who have turned his world around. Oscar nominated director Paul Morrison (SOLOMON AND GAENOR) delivers an engaging, uplifting comic drama offering a view of a working class Jewish community in London in the 1960s.

New Jersey Premiere
Jury Grand Prize and Best Actor Award,
2004 Berlin Film Festival

Lost Embrace

Director: Daniel Burman; Argentina 2004
100 min. In Spanish with English Subtitles

Sunday, November 7 at 7:30 PM

Remarks by John Dizgun,

Western Kentucky University,

expert on Argentinean Jewish Community

Matinee Screening: Sunday, November 7 at 12:30 PM
For mature audiences

Ariel's world is a multiethnic shopping center in contemporary downtown Buenos Aires, where his mother owns a lingerie shop. His search for identity and his struggle to understand why his father left the family to fight in Israel leads him to uncover family secrets. The story unfolds with fascinating character insights and a surprise ending.

Full Info Online at
[http://jewishstudies.rutgers.edu/
events/filmfest04/](http://jewishstudies.rutgers.edu/events/filmfest04/)

Hiding and Seeking:

Faith and Tolerance after the Holocaust

Directors: Menachem Daum and Oren Rudavsky
USA 2003; 85 min.

In English, Yiddish, and Polish with English Subtitles

Tuesday, November 9 at 7:45 PM

In person: Director Oren Rudavsky

Matinee Screening: Sunday, November 7 at 2:45 PM

In Person: Director Menachem Daum

Director Menachem Daum, troubled by his ultra-Orthodox sons' narrow and insular views of the Gentile world, takes them on an emotional journey to find the Polish family who saved their grandfather during the Holocaust. A deeply moving intergenerational saga, this rich documentary addresses both the wounds of the past and the ongoing challenge of combating intolerance. See www.hidingandseeking.com.

New Jersey Premiere

Winner, Best Documentary,

2003 Tel Aviv International Documentary Film Festival

No. 17

Director: David Ofek; Israel, 2003

75 min. In Hebrew with English Subtitles

Tuesday, November 9 at 5:15 PM

In person: Co-director and Cinematographer Ron Rotem

Matinee Screening: Sunday November 14 at 4:00 PM

In person: Co-director and Cinematographer Ron Rotem

In June 2002, a bus en route from Tel Aviv to Tiberius was the victim of a suicide bomber. Seventeen people were killed, but only sixteen were identified - leaving No. 17. The police stopped searching for his identity believing that he must have been an undocumented foreign worker. This is where the filmmakers step in, documenting the search for his identity over a period of six months. Forensic evidence, interviews with surviving passengers, and drawings by a Hasidic police sketch artist provide clues to uncover this mystery.

Central Jersey Premiere

Winner, Nine Israeli Academy Awards
including Best Picture, 2002

Broken Wings

Director: Nir Bergman; Israel 2002

87 min. In Hebrew with English Subtitles

Thursday, November 11 at 6:15 PM

Matinee Screening: Tuesday, November 9 at 2:00 PM

For mature audiences

This bittersweet comedy portrays an Israeli family's struggles to persevere in the wake of the father's sudden death. His widow, Dafna, juggles financial and professional pressures with her desire for romance and the demands of her children. Her older son, Yair, is a talented high-school dropout; her older daughter,

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Maya, an aspiring singer. A crisis involving Dafna's younger children provokes the family to unite and address their frustrations and dreams. See www.sonyclassics.com/brokenwings/.

Winner, Best Actor in a Feature Film:
Ohad Knoller, 2003 Tribeca Film Festival
Yossi and Jagger

Director: Eytan Fox; Israel 2002
67 min. In Hebrew with English Subtitles

7:00 PM Pre-film talk: "Israeli Cinema and Cultural Transformation" Na'ama Sheffi, Visiting Scholar, Bildner Center

Wednesday, November 10 at 8:00 PM
Additional Screening: Sunday, November 7 at 5:30 PM
Rated R for language and some sexual content

Based on a true story, *YOSSI & JAGGER* portrays the pressures of military life on a remote army base at the Israeli-Lebanese border. In this desolate setting, a secret romance has bloomed between two male officers, with the added tension of a female soldier who is in love with one of the officers. Through these complex relationships, *YOSSI & JAGGER* explores the challenges of life in the Israeli military today. See www.yossiandjagger.com.

Ruthie and Connie:
Every Room in the House
Director: Deborah Dickson; USA 2002
56 min. In English

Thursday, November 11 at 8:30 PM
In person: Directors Deborah Dickson and Faye Lederman,
Women Filmmakers Forum

Matinee Screening:
Thursday, November 11 at 2:00 PM

RUTHIE & CONNIE is a film about love, friendship, passion and politics-and the price two women paid to be themselves. Ruthie Berman and Connie Kurtz were both married mothers of young children, living in a working-class Jewish neighborhood in Brooklyn. Then their passionate interest in social justice turned them into community leaders and their romantic interest in each other suddenly turned their world upside down. See www.ruthieandconnie.com.

Preceded by: (Short)
A Good Uplift

Directors: Faye Lederman, Cheryl Furjanic, Eve Lederman; USA 2002, 13 min, in English

A light-hearted look at a famous lingerie shop on the Lower East Side where owner and Jewish grandmother, Magda, will size you up, hook you in, and set you free in the perfect bra. See www.squeezesthestone.org/agooduplift/.

My Architect:

A Son's Journey

Director: Nathaniel Kahn; USA 2003
116 min. In English

Sunday, November 14 at 7:00 PM
Closing night anniversary celebration to follow

MY ARCHITECT tells a story of love and art, betrayal and forgiveness. Louis Kahn, a world-renowned architect who left a great artistic legacy, led a personal life filled with secrets and contradictions. He died bankrupt and unidentified, leaving behind three different families. *MY ARCHITECT* depicts a son's complicated journey to understand the life and work of his legendary and mysterious father. See www.myarchitectfilm.com.

**Tickets for Film Festival 2004
are now on sale.**

**[http://jewishstudies.rutgers.edu/
events/filmfest04/](http://jewishstudies.rutgers.edu/events/filmfest04/)**

- * Advance ticket purchase is strongly recommended, as screenings often sell-out far in advance of the festival.
- * All tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- * All orders are final; there will be no exchanges or refunds.
- * The Rutgers New Jersey Jewish Film Festival is not responsible for tickets lost in the mail.
- * Non-Festival tickets/coupons will not be accepted.
- * With the exception of Patron tickets, all seating is general admission.
- * All programs are subject to change.

For further information, email ruff@rci.rutgers.edu or call Linda Diamond at 732-932-4166.

Purchasing Tickets Online: Tickets can be purchased online up to 8:00 a.m. the day of each film. Tickets purchased online include a \$1.00 handling fee. Tickets purchased online after October 22 date will be held at the Bildner Center will call table at the Regal Cinema.

Purchase Tickets Online at
<http://jewishstudies.rutgers.edu/events/filmfest04/>

Purchasing Tickets By Mail: See info on the website.

In person: Tickets may be purchased with a check or cash through November 3 at the Bildner Center (Monday-Thursday, 9 - 4:30 pm, and Friday, 9 - 2 pm)

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS **Ann Kanarek, Director**

THE AMERICAN JEWISH STORY IN BOOKS

The 350th anniversary of Jewish life in America includes a proud legacy of Jewish literature that explains, in the written word, the voyage here. The Jews arrived from the four corners of the earth, built remarkable lives, contributed to the greater American society on all levels and yet retained a unique identity. The history of Jewish life in America is a fascinating one with a wealth of books to enliven it. Since this is Jewish Book Month, why not celebrate the anniversary of the Jews coming to North America by reading about the American Jewish experience.

Below is a partial list of books that includes biographies and novels for your reading pleasure. The recommended books do more than just present the dry facts. The books listed below are readable and provocative, challenging our students to ask questions and seek answers about what it means to be Jewish in America.

If you are interested in a more complete bibliography that also includes non-fiction (autobiographies, memoirs, and books on women), as well as a listing of both fiction and non-fiction by geographic regions, please look online at www.caje.org or check out our wonderful synagogue library.

Biographies:

The Commodore: the Adventurous Life of Uriah P. Levy by Robert D. Abrahams The book shows the exploits and adventures of Levy, the first Jewish admiral who served his country from 1812 to 1862. Admiral Levy is also known for putting an end to flogging. (Grades 5-8)

I Lift My Lamp: Emma Lazarus and the Statue of Liberty by Nancy Smiler Levinson. An account of the life of Emma Lazarus is combined with information about how the Statue of Liberty was built. (For grades 4-7)

Haym Salomon: Liberty's Son by Shirley Milgrim. The story of the selfless Jewish merchant who helped finance the American Revolution. (For grades 5-8)

Molly Picon by Lila Perl. This

book follows the career of this special Jewish entertainer, who for more than 80 years performed in Yiddish and English theater, movies, radio and television. (Grades 4-7)

Abraham Joshua Heschel: Man of Spirit, Man of Action by Or N. Rose. An account of the life of a modern Jewish sage and activist.

Albert Einstein: Visionary Scientist by John Severance. Detailed, well balanced, and illustrated with photographs. (Grades 7-10)

Frontier Merchants: Lionel and Barron Jacobs and the Jewish Pioneers Who Settled the West by Jerry Stanley

Fiction:

Journey to Ellis Island by Carol Bierman. A brave woman and her two children flee war-torn Europe only to be refused entry at Ellis Island because of the little boy's injured arm. How Yehuda proved to the doctors that he really was fit to be an American is the core of this engaging story based on the experiences of the author's father. Grades 3-5

Berchick by Esther Silverstein Blanc. A moving story about a Jewish pioneer woman's rescue of an orphan colt. Besides being a wonderful story, it offers a look at Jewish life in a rural setting. For grades 3-5.

Long Johns for a Small Chicken by Esther Silverstein Blanc and Goodeane Eagle. When a fierce Nebraska hailstorm batters a chick, Mama makes him his own pair of long johns to keep him warm. This warm-hearted story about kindness to animals portrays a Jewish farming family around the turn of the 20th century. Grades 2-5

Rosie in New York: Gotcha!
Rosie in Chicago: Play Ball! ***Rosie in Los Angeles: Action!*** By Carol Matas. A paperback series featuring a lively Jewish heroine who moves with her immigrant family across the United States. Each story presents a picture of Jewish life in a different setting as well as a moral dilemma for the heroine. For grades 4-6

The Lekachmacher Family by Carol Richman This is both a picture

book and a story about a family who moves to America and the changes they must go through with their nine children. Grades K-3

All Of A Kind of Family by Sydney Taylor. This a five volume series about five Jewish girls growing up in New York at the turn of the Century. Grades 4-7

TODAH RABAH!!

B'NAI TIKVAH THANKS: The Jewish Book Fair's Chairperson, **Gina Giuffre**, and her committee of volunteers: **Stacey Cadoff, Linda Jacobs, Amy Kirsch, Linda Kohn, Lisa Kurschner, Marcie Levinson, Hope Peters, Patti Rosen, Jodi Segalewitz, Susan Shapiro, Michele Sherman, Frank Waltzer, and Nadine Weg.** We thank everyone who helped and supported the Book Fair. Our proceeds will benefit the school's enrichment program.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NOVEMBER REMINDERS

Tuesday, November 2: NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, *Election day*

Thursday, November 4 and Sunday November 7: NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, *NJEA convention*

Sunday, November 14: HEI CLASS: C.A.F.E.(Cultural Arts For Enrichment) Program: *Mezzuzah workshop*

Friday, November 19: ALEF NAMING DINNER (6:30pm) AND SERVICE (8:00pm)

Wednesday, November 24: NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, *Erev Thanksgiving.*

Thursday, November 25 - Sunday, November 28: NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, *Thanksgiving holiday weekend*

Sunday, December 5: HEI CLASS: Rabbi's "4B" program, part 2 (9:00am-12:05pm)

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Fran Pearson, Director

Colorful trees with leaves of red, orange, yellow and brown, squirrels scurrying around, and acorns falling to the ground – some as snacks for squirrels, while others to grow into oak trees all remind me that the fall season is here! With the fall season our students have the opportunity to take nature walks and observe the seasonal changes first hand. Many students will collect the signs of fall in little bags to be used for nature collages and leaf rubbings. What fun they will have as they gather together a pile of leaves and jump up and down on them!

Fall also reminds me that at this time of year it is a tradition to give thanks for our countless blessings. It is important for teachers and parents to foster thankfulness in our children. It is important to teach our young children the meaning of tzedakah and why it is important to help others less fortunate than ourselves. Frequently expressing gratitude in our words and in our actions not only models good manners for our children but fosters thankfulness in them. It is an important way for our children to learn social skills and values. Little children need to hear us say “thank you for picking up your toys”, “thank you for caring” and “thank you for sharing”.

Here are some additional tips to foster thankfulness in your child:

1. Talk with your child about things that you and your child are happy to have.
2. Talk with your child about friends and family you are happy to know.
3. Talk with your child about situations you are happy have happened.
4. Read thankful books - One book you might want to read is “The Relatives Came” by C. Ryland. This book describes when the relatives come for their yearly visit. Their sincere thankfulness for one another is evident in their shared love.

NURSERY SCHOOL NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Thursday, Nov. 4 & Friday, Nov. 5: SCHOOL CLOSED NJEA CONVENTION.

Monday, November 8: Trip to State Theater – Pre-k/Threes

Friday, November 12: Picture Day – Pre-k/Threes

Tuesday, November 23: Twos Thanksgiving party

Wednesday, November 24: Family Thanksgiving Feast – Pre-k/Threes

Thursday, Nov. 25 & Friday, Nov. 26: SCHOOL CLOSED - THANKSGIVING

Thursday, Dec. 2, Friday, Dec. 3: Kids Only Gift Shoppe

Wednesday, December 8th: Holiday Party – Pre-k/Threes

Thursday, December 9th: Holiday Party – Two's & Toddler Fun Club

Monday, December 13th REGISTRATION –

Mommy & Me Winter Program & Toddler Fun Club

SECOND ANNUAL THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

We believe that family participation and involvement are the ingredients that help make our school so special. Therefore, we are once again inviting our Pre-k and three year old nursery school families to join us on Wednesday, November 24th, as we all gather together to share food, fun and friendship at our second annual family Thanksgiving celebration. In preparation for this feast, our children are actively involved in preparing special foods, crafts and learning songs to help make this event very special.

Many thanks to the social and special events committee headed by Charlene Nass and Jodi Segalewitz for their invaluable assistance in planning and preparing for our Thanksgiving Feast.

THANKSGIVING TZEDEKAH PROJECT

While teaching our children about the Thanksgiving holiday and the meaning of being thankful this month, we are also asking the children what he/she is most thankful for. Our teachers are writing these responses on a colorful paper turkey. A copy of these responses will be send home for parents to read and enjoy. We are hoping that many of our nursery school families will then send in a donation of \$1.00 or more for their children's thankful responses. The money collected will be send to Elijah's Soup Kitchen in New Brunswick in time to help others enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday. (Please note that this is a voluntary donation). We will be sharing our nursery school children's thankful responses when we make them part of our Thanksgiving Thankful Display in the hallway of the Nursery School wing.

On behalf of our nursery school staff we wish everyone a bountiful and beautiful Thanksgiving holiday.

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B'NAI TIKVAH YOUTH

KADIMA

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Design a Shirt/Deli Night

Thursday, November 4th 7-8:30 pm

Put your artistry and sandwich making skills to the test. Our new board will be deciding the winner of the best t-shirt. The t-shirts will be made up and sold as a fundraiser. RSVP to Adam Sackett by November 2.

Laser Tag, Laser Park, Princeton Junction

Sunday, November 14th 4:30-6pm

The cost of the event is \$15 which includes 3 games, 40 arcade tokens, and pizza. RSVP to Adam Sackett by November 7.

Our recently elected Kadima Board:

President- Keren Brown

VP Communications- Evan Jacobs

VP Membership & Events- Samantha Kopelow

Religious VP- Ben Goldman

7th Grade Rep- Hollie Freedman

6th Grade Rep- Jason Seidman

Lastly, we are still looking volunteers to help assist/chaperone the Kadima Regional Dance B'Nai Tikvah is hosting on November 20th. Anyone who can help please contact Adam, or youth chairs, Adrienne Ross or Bonnie Eisenberg.

Adam Sackett, Advisor

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Fall has come to us once again, bringing colourful leaves and many different shades in the evening sky. Along with those aspects from nature USY celebrates opening dance and Fall Convention!!!! While many members from B'nai Tikvah usually attend Fall Convention, we have managed to increase our numbers a little because of the freshmen.

Other activities have been a huge success like the 30-member turnout at Pizza in the Hut where the Board elected their freshman Rep for the year (Ben Gildenberg)! After a start like this, we're looking forward to a great year.

NOVEMBER EVENTS:

November 1: SATO night

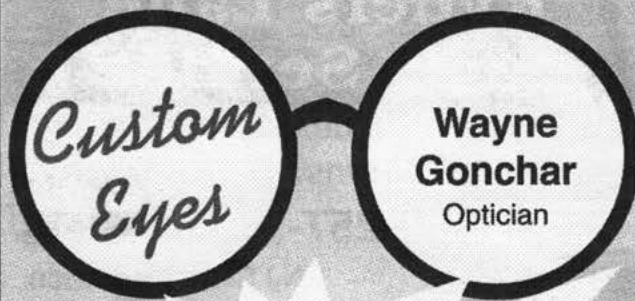
Wednesday November 10: Freshman Orientation (Please note it is for FROSHIES ONLY!! & the Board Members)

November 18: Meeting. (everyone). Newly-Friend game
Winners get membership points!

*** Babysitting on Saturdays (during services) ***

Teens are asked to volunteer their time. Each member gets 5 membership points.

Jason Marx



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B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

FAMILY SHABBAT

November 19

This service is recommended for children ages 2-7, their parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. It is held the 3rd Friday evening of each month from 7:00 - 7:45 pm in the Synagogue's Kiddush room.



Special date, time & program for December: Family

Shabbat Services in December will be on the *second* Friday night, December 10th. Services will begin with a program by the Rabbi and Cantor at 3:15, followed by Hanukah candle lighting at 4pm. Family Shabbat services start immediately after that.

ANNOUNCING...

Official announcements from the synagogue office are available four ways:

- READ at the bima by the Rabbi, President, or designated Trustee.
- PINNED on the synagogue office bulletin board.
- POSTED on our web site at www.bnaitikvah.org
- E-MAILED to all subscribers of the CBT Newsletter.

If you can receive e-mail at home or work, the CBT Newsletter is the most effective means we have for keeping you up-to-date on the latest news, events and all the benefits B'nai Tikvah has to offer. You get the WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN and HOW in a form that is comprehensive, usable, and unintrusive. We make an effort to keep messages short and to-the-point by providing clickable links to more in-depth information on our web site. Add your name to the growing list of 300 families who are currently getting their up-to-the-minute news from the CBT Newsletter.

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TOT SHABBAT

November 20th

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

TINY-TOT SHABBAT

**A New Shabbat Celebration
for the Tots in the Babysitting Room**

Geared toward "three and under" but all are welcome.

Every age should delight in Shabbat

From the oldest to tiniest of tots

There's a new treat in store

For the tykes we adore

Babysitting's the magical spot

Three and under – your place is a-waiting

Song and dance that will not be abating

Laughter, stories and prayer

Shabbat mornings to share

Kids and parents will be celebrating!

**Please have your young children join our own,
ten-year old, Jesse Nagelberg
who will lead Tiny-Tot Shabbat,
10:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Babysitting Room.**



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College Student Away from Home?

The College Committee sends holiday packages to your sons and daughters on campus three times a year, at Chanukah, Purim and Passover.

To include your student in this program, complete the form included in this issue of the Hakol or contact Marcia Schwartz.

Any questions? Want to join the committee?

Please call Marcia A. Schwartz (732-297-6365)

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**Solomon Schechter Day School
of Raritan Valley**

WIN BIG AT SCHECHTER DAY SCHOOL'S GOOD-TIME AUCTION

**Thursday, Nov. 18th at 7 p.m.
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Win weekends in the Poconos and Saratoga, N.Y., NJ Nets tickets, a 19 inch color TV, Carnegie Hall tickets and gift baskets galore at the second annual Solomon Schechter Day School of Raritan Valley Good Time Auction. Prizes will be won through "tricky tray" and silent auction.

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Prize viewing and bidding from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Dessert served. Prizes drawing at 8:30 P.M. Tickets are \$7 in advance including 5 bidding tickets, or \$8 at the door. For advance ticket please contact **Laura Waksman at 732- 698-2494**. Tickets will be held at the door. Credit card minimums of \$100, personal checks and cash accepted for bids. Solomon Schechter Day School of Raritan Valley is a 501(C) 3 not-for-profit.

B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

MEN'S CLUB

Don't miss the November 14th Men's Club Meeting!

(Start Time as usual – 10:00 AM)

TOPIC: THE BENEFITS OF MASSAGE

GUEST SPEAKER: BERNICE ORTA – A Nationally Certified Massage Therapist from "A HEALING TOUCH"

Complementary Chair Massages will be provided throughout the meeting!

BERNICE ORTA is a graduate of The Somerset School of Massage Therapy and has been in practice since 1996. Her practice specializes in: Stress Reduction, Pain Management and Natural Well-Being.

Also in attendance will be HING WONG – Also a nationally certified Massage Therapist. Hing is a graduate of The Somerset School of Massage Therapy in Swedish, Sport and Therapeutic massage techniques. She is also a certified Yoga Instructor.

Be sure to register when you sign in at the meeting for the drawing for a ½ hour Massage Gift Certificate, Redeemable at:

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JOE GRODMAN TO BE HONORED AT FEDERATION OF MEN'S CLUBS DINNER

Joe Grodman, veteran temple member and Past Treasurer of Congregation Bnai Tikvah's Men's Club will be honored as our Men's Club Man-of-the-Year at the annual Federation of Jewish Men's Club (FJMC) Dinner to be held on November 10, 2004 at Congregation Bnai Tikvah.

Sisterhood

Nov. 21-10:00AM-
Challah Cover Making

We will be handpainting (using fabric ink pens) on faux silk. Supplies will be limited so registration will be required. Free for Sisterhood members. \$15.00 for non-members (to cover the cost of supplies). Create your own family treasure. The action Committee is requesting dental floss, travel toothpaste and toothbrushes as donations.

Paid-Up Membership Dinner

Nov. 30- 6:30PM

Join us for a fun-filled evening.
Help us create a Mitzvah Project.

Donations of phone cards (in any denomination) for Women's Awareness would be appreciated.

Upcoming Events:

Jan. 23 - Join us on a visit to Somebrook. Enjoy a delicious kosher brunch, a tour of the facility and a speaker. Carpooling will be available. We will leave the Synagogue at 10:00 AM.

April 10- Mah Jongg Tournament. Join us for a fun-filled afternoon. Mark your calendar NOW!

Take Note:

Order your Mah Jongg cards now. (The attachment has the order form.) If you are ordering for a group of people, give their names and addresses too so they will receive information from the Mah Jongg League.

Leagrams- Don't send a card, send a Leagram!! Celebrating a birthday, anniversary, etc. Call Serena Blacking at 732-390-9515 or e-mail her at serena@blackin.org to send a leagram. \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00.

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B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

SOCIAL ACTION

Next Social Action Committee Meeting: November 22nd

Social Action meets on the fourth Monday of each month following minyan at the Synagogue. All are welcome! Any questions about the committee, please contact Janice Baer at SocialAction@bnaitikvah.org or 732-940-0268

Social Action is looking to start the transition to new leadership. Now is your opportunity to take over a group that really makes a difference. Janice will stay on as chairperson until January to train someone to become the new head of Social Action, and will remain a member of the committee to help with the transition throughout the year. Contact Janice.

HELP A NEEDY FAMILY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

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

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

How can you help?

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

To participate in this worthwhile program, send in the form included in this issue of the Hakol, or e-mail Janice Baer at SocialAction@Bnaitikvah.org or call Janice at 732-940-0268

PLEASE RESPOND BY NOVEMBER 14th.

Food of the Month:

November

Peanut Butter and Jelly

December

Macaroni and Cheese,
Canned Tuna or Canned Spaghettios

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

Help Needed November 14th & November 28th from 1:45-4:30

We need 5 volunteers, age 16 and up, on each Sunday, to help distribute the clothing at Elijah's Promise Soup Kitchen. Volunteers from the ClothesLine will be there to guide us.

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.

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.

To volunteer, or learn more about the project, contact Laura Waksman at Laurawaks@comcast.net.

B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

From The Webmaster

ONLINE ORDER FORMS

Does your group, committee, or event require some sort of application or order form that congregants and others need to fill-out?

A mail-in form, such as one that might appear in the Hakol, can be printed online. These forms contain online instructions as to where to mail it and how any checks should be written.

Where no money needs to be collected, we have "interactive forms" that generate email to specific individuals with all the information that the group or committee requires.

We have over forty different forms listed at:

bnaitikvah.org/forms.html

Gary Bergman

E-mail: Webmaster@BnaiTikvah.org

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50plus

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 16

The Fifty Plus Group will meet on Tuesday, November 16, at 1pm in the Social Hall of the Synagogue. Due to the cancellation of our September meeting, our members, Adrienne and Herbert Mars will present the film "A Bridge of Books", the story of the National Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, Massachusetts. Aaron Rosloff will be adding some of his personal information about the book center. All members, friends and prospective members are invited. Refreshments will be served. For further information please call Doris @ 609-860-1498. or Madeline @ 732-297-4240.

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Photo Organization Workshops

Photo Organization Workshops: Tuesday, November 16th & Wednesday, December 15th 7:00 PM - 10:30 PM \$35
Event fee covers the purchase of one Power Sort Box and a set of guides for the box. Extra guides may be needed and will be available for purchase.

Monthly Crop & Holiday Shops: Wednesday, November 17th & Thursday, December 2nd: 7:00 PM - 10:30 PM
Come and destress before the holidays. Crop and place holiday orders to avoid long lines at the stores. Perfect items for teacher gifts! Gift certificates available!

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ISRAELI FOLK DANCING

Wednesdays, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15, 7:00 pm.
Carl A. Fields Center, Princeton University

Israeli folk dancing is coming back to Princeton. The dancing is led by Don Schillinger from Philadelphia. The first session took place in late September, and drew more than 50 people. The room has a great floor, and the atmosphere was electrifying. People from age 12 to age 70+, beginners to advanced dancers from all over the Middlesex/ Mercer/Bucks county region. People danced around the room in circles, sometimes with partners or in lines, and took a break for conversations with other fellow Jews. It was truly exciting to feel part of the Jewish community in large.

Dancing is at the Carl A. Fields Center, Princeton University, 86 Olden Street (at Prospect), Princeton, NJ 08544

Cost: \$8/for non-Princeton University-affiliated adults, \$7/Princeton University faculty or staff, \$5/non-affiliated child, teen, or young adult (under 21), \$4/Princeton University student.

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Havurah Groups: We will continue to work on forming new groups this year.

New Member Breakfast: There will be a new member breakfast held on Sunday, October 17th, 10:00 am to Noon. Help is needed. Contact membership@bnaitikvah.org. Committee chairs and Board Members welcome to attend.

Prospect List: Membership keeps and active up-to-date list of prospective members who have shown an interest in B'nai Tikvah. For a copy of this list to invite to a synagogue event, please contact Cindy Gittleman.

Past President Mitchell Frumkin

Construction: In order to give a better idea of how the construction has been proceeding I have prepared the following list of the primary contractors and their percentage complete along with a commentary regarding the project schedule and any anticipated extras. Also presented is a list of work still not under contract.

Current Status of budgeted items:

1. Masonry	90%
2. HVAC	60%
3. Electrical	60%
4. Plumbing	50%
5. Windows and Exterior Doors	90%
6. Fire Protection System	70%
7. EIFS (stucco exterior)	60%
8. Steel studs and drywall	45%
9. Miscellaneous iron work	0%
10. Ceilings	0%

11. Bathroom partitions	0%
12. Flooring (except MP room) no contract, no bids	0%
13. MP room flooring	0%
14. Painting no contract, 1 bid	0%
15. MP Room door	0%
16. Classroom accordion door	0%
17. Barrier free lift	0%
18. Gas line no contract, 1 bid	0%
19. Basketball hoops	0%

A few anticipated extras which were not budgeted by Grant:

1. Woodwork at stage
2. Final grading at rear of building
3. Emergency generator
4. Lights in MP room

A few anticipated extras due to other reasons;

1. Enlarging the size of the soffit at the front of the MP room by the stage due to location of sprinkler system piping.
2. Additional drywall at main entrance near the existing school wing.

As far as the schedule goes, we are actively working on completing the interior steel stud work and drywall. This work has been contingent upon the installation of the windows and on the plumbing and electrical work. The window installation is now complete. While the electrical work is ahead of the stud work, the stud work cannot be completed until the plumbing rough-in is completed which should occur by the end of next week. The delay in the plumbing is caused by the change in contractors as well as the Holidays over the past few weeks. We are still on hold with the remaining EIFS

(stucco) work due to the lack of access at the back of the building. We had hoped to have this completed sooner but both the weather and holidays have slowed down the ability to do this. In addition, a steel reinforcing beam is required at the rear of the building which is to be installed by the masonry contractor. The MP room floor contractor has measured the floor for installation of the liquid flooring. Some areas require corrective work as it does not meet the specifications given to the masonry contractor in regards to how level it is to be. If he does not do the corrective work, he will be back charged. The sprinkler system contractor has been provided with sketches to change the piping configuration at the stage. They will be contacted to discuss this. The work in the ceiling area of the MP room has been on hold in order to gain access to the room with a lift. We had hoped to use the back door although the delay in the grading and the mud at the back has held this up. In order to move forward, we will be bringing the lift in through the front even if it means removing a small area of one of the steel stud walls. The contractors do not want to bring in the lift until they have a full week to work since they rent the equipment. Because of the holiday this week, they may wait until next week to start this work.

It is hoped that we will be nearing completion by Thanksgiving although the last 10% of the work always takes a significant amount of time.

Feedback Committee: A reorganizational meeting of the Feedback Commit-

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tee will be scheduled with the Rabbi and Cantor in October.

School & Youth VP Harold Schneider

Nursery School: Enrollment is continuing to increase for our morning programs. The pre-K class is now closed, since there is no room for more children.

Religious School: Our Chai School will have guest speaker Edith Zamost on Sunday, October 17. She will speak on 350 years of Jewish settlement. Everyone is welcome to attend.

On Thursday, October 7, we welcome new students to our school in a *Hachnasat Talmidim* ceremony. Students will be asked to join us on the bimah under a tallit to receive a special blessing, book, and chocolate lollipop. We are welcoming 39 new students to

our school.

We look forward to Jewish book month with several activities planned. On Sunday, October 24, *Theater Ariel* will perform "Old Tales, New Sparks." The Jewish book fair will begin the week before on Sunday, October 17, and will run for nine days.

The Alef PACT program, *The Crown of a Good Name*, is scheduled for Sunday, October 10. The Alef Naming Service is planned for Friday, November 19.

College Program: If you have not already done so, be sure to register your college student with the office or Marcia Schwartz so he or she can get the packages and letters.

Kadima: Kadima is seeking volunteers to help chaperone the Regional Kadima Dance we're hosting on Saturday night, November 20th. Anyone interested please contact Adam Sackett via email (adamdavid73@aol.com), or phone 973-

886-3906, or Adrienne Ross or Bonnie Eisenberg.

Kadima held their first event of the year on Sunday, September 12th. The event was Apple Picking at Terhune Orchards in Princeton. Over 20 members participated. Over 30 pounds in apples was donated to Junior Congregation for Rosh Hashana.

The next Kadima event is Pizza in the Sukkah on October 5th at 6:15 pm, along with Board Elections. Also Regional roller skating in Woodbridge at United Skates of America on October 17th.

USY: On September 23rd, thanks to the hospitality of the Eisenberg's, our USYers were able to enjoy a night of Human Poker. This was a great ice-breaker event for the chapter. The 9th grades out did themselves at this event having more members in attendance than the 10th, 11th or 12th grades.

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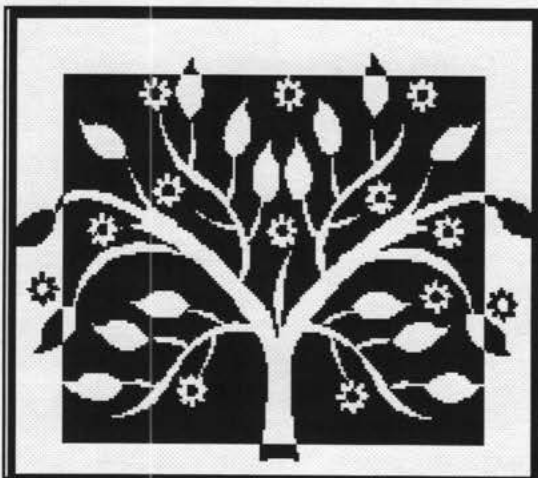
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Upcoming events: October 4th:

Pizza in the Hut at the synagogue.

October 16th: Opening dance, 7:30pm bus will leave from synagogue parking lot and return around 12:30am.

October 21st: Bedowin Tent Night, 7:30pm at the synagogue.

VP of Ways and Means Mark Sherman

Supermarket Scrip & Retail Scrip:

Marc Binder has taken over the script committee. Marc said this year has started off slow but it is typical.

The Event: We are honoring Mitch and Arlene Frumkin for the main event. This will be chaired by Ari Behar. We have had one meeting. The committee will consist of people from our synagogue, personal and business friends of the Frumkins, and people of the Jewish community at large. We will be raising much of the money through an ad journal.

The price of the ticket can be offset by the sale of ads.

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. We have had some interest so far. We have placed an ad in the Jewish paper and will run for a year.

Entertainment books: We have started selling books. We have in stock Middlesex Mercer, and Monmouth counties. They sell for \$30.00. We can order any other book on special order.

Yom Kippur Appeal: We had a very successful call. I would like to personal thank everyone who helped. I am planning on continuing this event every

year. The congregation on a whole was very happy to hear from us.

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