

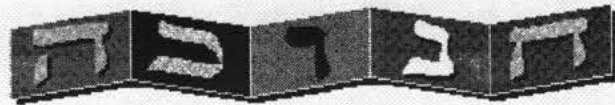


CONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH  
JCC OF NORTH AND SOUTH BRUNSWICK

December 2004  
Kislev/Tevet 5765  
Volume 26, Issue 4

**OUR MISSION:**  
TO FOSTER A VIBRANT  
EGALITARIAN JEWISH  
COMMUNITY FOUNDED IN THE  
RELIGIOUS CUSTOMS AND  
TRADITIONS OF CONSERVATIVE  
JUDAISM; OFFERING EXCELLENT  
JEWISH EDUCATION AND  
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES FOR ALL  
AGES WITH COMMITMENT TO  
ISRAEL AND JEWISH  
COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE  
WORLD.

# HAKOL



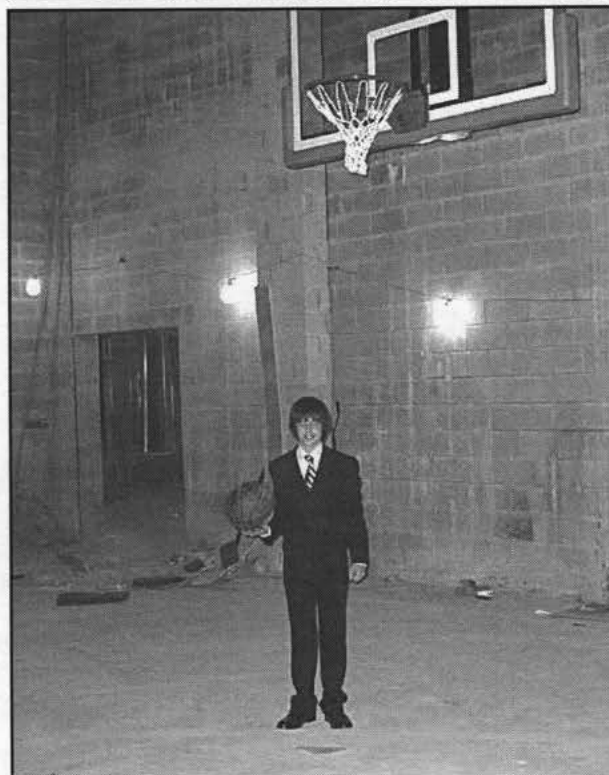
The B'nai Tikvah

## FAMILY HANUKKAH PARTY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 6-8PM

### Inside this issue:

Rabbi's Message	2
Daily Service Schedule	4
Adult Education	4
B'nai Mitzvah	5
Board & VP Reports	6
Membership Minute	6
Office Voice	7
Letters to the Editor	7
Celebrate 350	8
Israel Taskforce	9
Religious School	10
Nursery School	11
B'nai Tikvah Youth	12
BT Community	13
Contributions	19
Synagogue Directory	23
Calendar	24



### CONSTRUCTION PROGRESSES

OCTOBER 28, 2004: Adam Frumkin takes a break from posing for Bar Mitzvah photos to shoot the very first basket, shortly after the backboards and nets were installed in the multi-purpose room of B'nai Tikvah's new addition.

*Photo courtesy of Mitchell Frumkin.*

Hanukah  
Family  
Shabbat  
Service

Friday  
December 10

Details page 12

Sons of  
Tikvah  
On CD!  
See Page 14

## RABBI ELIGBERG SPEAKS

### 8 Days, 8 Actions

**This Hanukkah, join Jews around North America in 8 simple actions to help conserve energy, slow global climate change, and save you money!**

**Day 1: Let there be *sustainable* light. Change one regular bulb in your home to a CFL (Compact Fluorescent Light).** It is estimated that about three light bulbs burn five or more hours a day in the average US home. If those three bulbs were replaced with compact fluorescents in every home, it would eliminate about 23 million tons of carbon dioxide emissions a year! Don't be fooled by the seemingly higher prices of CFLs. They last ten times as long as standard incandescent bulbs and use only a quarter of the energy to produce the same amount of light—a modern Hanukkah miracle! (To find CFLs near you, contact your local hardware store or visit [www.greenpages.org](http://www.greenpages.org).)

**Day 2: Turn down the temperature of your water heater to the warm setting (120°F).** Water heaters are the second largest energy users in the home, averaging 20% of all household energy use. With heaters set at the maximum 140°F, most of us need to dilute our hot water by turning on the cold tap anyway. By changing the setting to 120°F you'll not only save energy, but also avoid scalding your hands!

**Day 3: Lower your thermostat 3°F.** Did you know that for each degree that you lower your thermostat in the winter, you could cut your energy use by about 3%? By lowering your thermostat just 3°F, you can reduce your energy consumption by nearly 10%. The same applies to raising your thermostat 3°F in the summertime; doing both can prevent on average the emission of nearly 1,100 pounds of carbon dioxide annually. You probably won't even notice the difference!

**Day 4: Skip a car trip.** Transportation, specifically in automobiles, is responsible for about a third of American greenhouse gas emissions. What's worse, while the trend is to buy large SUVs or 8-passenger vans, we spend the majority of our time driving alone. Carpooling helps, and buying locally cuts down on unnecessary driving as well. Today, walk, run, skate, bike, or take public transportation instead of a car ride.

**Day 5: Start a scrap paper pile.** More than 40% of all waste in US landfills is paper products. Many towns and cities now have community recycling which has helped to save trees and produce biofuels from old paper fibers that can be used to generate cleaner energy. However, we are still too quick to toss sheets with only a few lines on them. Add another important step to the recycling process right in your home by starting a scrap pile with used pieces of paper (that only are printed on one side, for example). You can use the backs for printing drafts of documents, writing notes, making shopping lists, etc. And the paper gets double the life! Go one step further by buying recycled paper products and you've completed the recycling loop!

**Day 6: Give your home a Hanukkah gift from Energy Star.** Energy Star is a US program jointly run by the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) and the US Department of Energy to label and promote energy efficient appliances and products. Because Energy Star is purely voluntary, companies can only obtain the right to use the Energy Star logo if their product is significantly more efficient than required by government standards. In addition to refrigerators, cooling & heating units, dishwasher, washing machines, etc. energy-efficient TVs, VCRs, and DVD players are available. If the average American were to equip their home with only products that have the Energy Star label, they'd reduce lower energy bills—and greenhouse gas emissions—by nearly a third! (For more info about Energy Star visit their website at <http://www.energystar.gov>)

**Day 7: Write a letter to the President or Congress.** As you've experienced the past six days, we can all do a lot to lower energy consumption in our own homes. We also need to change our nation's energy policy to effectively reduce our nation's energy consumption. Write to the President, your representatives in Congress and local authorities to let them know what you've done at home and ask them to make changes in energy policy to promote conservation and the development of clean energy sources. See COEJL's Web site at [www.coejl.org](http://www.coejl.org) for sample letters.

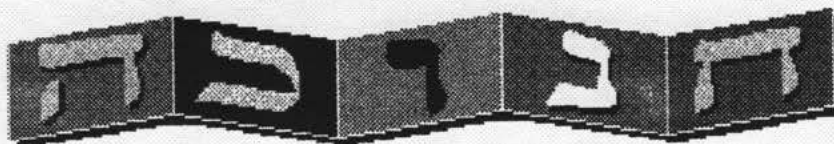
**Day 8: Have a candlelight dinner.** Roughly a quarter of the total electricity generated in the U.S.—\$37 billion worth—is used for lighting. This is more electricity than the continents of South America and Africa, combined, use for all purposes! Shut off all of your lights for an hour and enjoy your last evening of latkes with the full Hanukkiah glowing. (You may want to light a few extra candles; it is traditional that we do not use the Hanukkiah as a functional lamp.) It can be a romantic dinner or special holiday memory for your kids!

Statistics from Earth Day's Guide to Planet Repair, Dennis Hayes, Copyright 2000 For further energy conservation tips & to calculate your home or business's consumption, visit [www.safeclimate.net/calculator](http://www.safeclimate.net/calculator).

**Above information from: Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life: [www.coejl.org](http://www.coejl.org)**

### Ritual Activity Committee Meeting: December 12th

All meetings start with Minyan at 7:30pm  
Interested in joining? Contact Bobbi Binder



The B'nai Tikvah

# FAMILY HANUKKAH PARTY

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, FROM 6-8PM

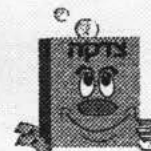


Bring your own HANUKKIA as we join together to celebrate the 8th night of Hanukkah with our annual **CANDLE LIGHTING PARTY**

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



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



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

**RSVP (732-297-0696) BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10 AT 1PM**

## ADULT EDUCATION

### Maimonides: Life and Works

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

**Wednesdays:**  
**December 1, 8, 15**  
**7:30pm**

### Adult-Ed Update

**Gary Bergman, VP of Activities**

We have a very diverse group of dedicated committee people who are putting together some equally diverse programs this year. We will have a series of "How-To" classes on such topics as, "How to prepare a Friday Night Shabbat Dinner" to "How to conduct a Shivah Minyan". We are arranging speakers for "Life Cycle" presentations such as caring for the elder members of the family and we look forward to Hilary Tinkel-Vernon's presentation of "Jewish Genetics" on January 5th.

We will continue our tradition of inviting scholars such as Professors Azzan Yadin and Jeff Shandler from the department of Jewish studies at Rutgers and dignitaries from the Israeli Consulate. We have also garnered the services of some of our very learned congregants to teach their favorite subjects.

But, no matter what we offer, there are always some congregants who won't leave their homes on a Wednesday night for ANYTHING. If this applies to you, please note that we now offer free transportation and/or a next-day DVD or VHS of your favorite Wednesday night TV shows.

### 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

The Newsletter of  
**Congregation B'nai Tikvah**  
**JCC of North & South Brunswick**  
 1001 Finnegan's Lane  
 North Brunswick, NJ 08902  
 732-297-0696

Published monthly, except for July and August. Submissions are welcomed about Congregation events, group activities, and other material relevant to the local Jewish community.

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

We recommend sending submissions and correspondence via e-mail to:

**[Hakol@bnaitikvah.org](mailto:Hakol@bnaitikvah.org)**

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

#### SUBMISSION FORMATS:

The Hakol is produced by volunteers, late at night, sometimes with the help of elves. We all would appreciate your following these guidelines.

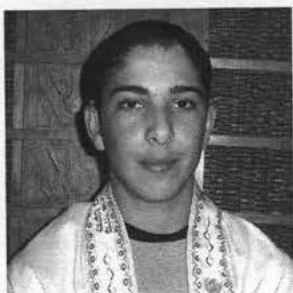
**TEXT:** Editorial submissions should be in plain text format, with no formatting, tabs, columns or fonts. Just type an e-mail, or attach a file in one of the following formats: MSWord, Wordperfect, or MSPublisher. Graphics and photos should be submitted separately, rather than inside other files or documents.

**IMAGES & GRAPHICS:** Digital images: (Preferred) 300 dpi black & white/grayscale jpeg, bmp, or tiff files. Scannable Images: For good scan results, submit 300dpi (minimum) black and white graphics printed on glossy photo paper in hi-res or photo mode. For bad results: Print ink jet regular mode on copy paper.

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

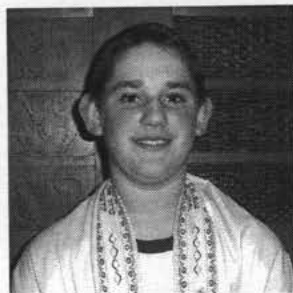
**ADVERTISING INFO**  
**Tammy Zimmerman: 732-398-1420**

# DECEMBER B'NAI MITZVAH



**Zachary Davis**  
Dec. 4

Edward & Cathy  
Davis



**Kyle Morse**  
Dec. 11

David & Karen  
Morse



**Melissa Cohen**  
Dec. 18

Leni & Rhonda  
Cohen

**Save the Date!**

**FEBRUARY 19, 2005**

**For the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
RAISE OUR VOICES  
FOR ISRAEL**

**"350 Years of the Jewish People  
in America"**

**an evening of Jewish music  
and inspiration**

**at  
Congregation B'nai Tikvah  
7:30 PM**

**Tickets go on Sale December 15<sup>th</sup>!!!**

**Net proceeds benefit families in Israel through  
The Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County**

**For information call 732-432-7711 ext. 15**

## CHANUKAH PARTY SPONSORS AND VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Wanted: Volunteers to help with the B'nai Tikvah Hanukah party on December 14th. Please call Bobbi Binder at 732-274-2797 or email [Bobbi.Binder@bnaitikvah.org](mailto:Bobbi.Binder@bnaitikvah.org).

You can co-sponsor this party for just \$10.00. Please make your check payable to "Congregation B'nai Tikvah" and leave it in the ritual box marked "Hanukah party".

Please be sure to RSVP to this fun evening!!!

Hold the date:

Monday, January 24th

**Tu B'shvat Seder**

Starting at 6pm

Watch for info in the January Hakol.

## BOARD AND VP REPORTS

From November, 2004 Board of Trustees Meeting

### Administrative VP Dan Greenberg

**House & Grounds:** We are still trying to locate a roofer who will continue to service our aging roof.

**Décor:** The caterer is scheduled to present samples for draping the social hall synagogue; the committee will then make a recommendation to the Board.

**Religious Activities:** We will be starting a campaign to purchase the new Siddur Sim Shalom. The cost will be \$30 to dedicate a new siddur and \$21 to move a dedication from an old siddur to a new one. We will continue to use the existing siddurim in the religious school as well as in junior congregation and also for our daily minyan.

The interfaith service is scheduled for November 21st at the Islamic Society of Central Jersey.

The congregational Chanukah party will be on Tuesday, December 14th

**Personnel:** We are interviewing for the part-time bookkeeper position and expect to have the position filled by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Activities VP Gary Bergman

**Social Action:** The Social Action Committee thanks all those who donated and helped sort the clothing for our winter drive with the Clothes Line Bus project. They still need eight volunteers, ages 16 & up, to distribute the clothing to the needy on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon at Elijah's Promise, New Brunswick. Contact Laura Waksman, 732-698-2494

**Adult Education:** The committee is putting together a comprehensive program of film/discussions, lectures, presentations, and day trips. Gary Bergman has elected to chair the committee. The series will begin with Rabbi Eligberg's

lecture series on Maimonides, slated for 3 weeks in December. There was some discussion about the make-up of the committee, which consists mostly of "empty-nesters". The programs, however, are being targeted to the demographics of the entire congregation.

**Programming/Recreation:** Steve Juro is in the process of putting together a committee to provide activities centered around our new facility.

**Website/Communications:** Subscriptions of the email CBT Newsletter has now reached 320 families.

**NEW Separate CBT Politics eGroup mailing list:** Marty Abschutz established a new email group to focus on "politics" which freed up our eGroup for discussions more appropriate for affairs about B'nai Tikvah and Judaism in general.

*(Continued on page 20)*

## A MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

Cindy Gittleman, V.P. Membership

**A WARM WELCOME  
TO THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF  
OUR CONGREGATION:**

Lee, Rebecca, Marcus and  
Carolyn Blankstein

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS:

The membership committee welcomes three new committee members this year: Shelly Wistreich, Bill Greenberg and Rees Klemish. Anyone interested in helping on the committee, please do not be shy!

Contact VP Membership, Cindy Gittleman.

## 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, fill out the form online or contact Marcia Schwartz.

Any questions?  
Want to join the committee?  
Please call Marcia A. Schwartz  
(732-297-6365)  
majonggmom@aol.com

## THE OFFICE VOICE

**Nitsat Hadas Elami, Administrative Director**

Shalom,

We have had a security system in the building for quite awhile. As most of you know, in order to enter while the security system is on, you either have to dial the appropriate office or punch in your personal code to get in. Recently I was finally able to make some changes & updates to the system setup. I thought it might be a good idea to refresh everyone's memory on the system's operation..

Any member of Congregation B'nai Tikvah can have his or her own personal access code to the building. In order to receive a personal code, just contact me at the office and I will assign one to you. Please make sure your code remains confidential since it does allow people to enter all parts of the building, including our School Wing. In order to release the doors with your own code, you key in your code on the keypad followed by \*. The door will be released for 5 seconds and will reset the lock afterwards.

If you don't want to have a code, you can enter the building when the office is open using the phone located in the main entrance vestibule. If your appointment is after office hours, there usually isn't anyone to pick up the phone in the main office. You will have to use the phone in the vestibule to dial the direct number of the person you are meeting so that he or she can let you in. The list of extensions is posted by the phone in the vestibule. Please keep in mind that the main office has no way to open the doors to the school wing.

All Religious School children have an access code that gains them access through the school entrance only. It is active for a limited period of time during the day, allowing students to enter the building for afternoon sessions of the Religious School. If they need to come in at any other time, they need to use the phone in the main entry vestibule to call the office.

At any door, you only need to use your code to enter! When you approach a door, a motion sensor at the door releases the lock. Sometimes, if you stand by the door prior to exiting, the door will re-lock. If this happens, all doors have a prominent red button next to them to release the door and allow you to get out safely. In case of a fire alarm, the system shuts off automatically and all doors are released.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A few weeks ago, I attended my first Adult-ed session given by Rabbi Eligberg. Everything I know about Maimonides, I could fit on the end of the proverbial pin.

Although the Rabbi and I have very different views and opinions of our common faith, I found his presentation thoroughly enjoyable as he set the stage for his continuing course by bringing Maimonides' early life into a perspective that we could all relate to. Everyone who attended (yes there were more than 6 adult students in the library that evening), are eagerly awaiting the next chapters. Come join us.

*Gary Bergman,  
VP Activities and Webmaster*

## Endow a new Siddur Sim Shalom

The majority of the Siddurim in our synagogue are in a state of disrepair and need to be replaced. The new version of the Siddur Sim Shalom has these advantages:



- \* smaller and easier to hold
- \* gender and user friendly
- \* has more transliteration

New dedications	\$35
Re-dedications	\$21

For more information  
contact the Synagogue Office or  
<http://www.bnaitikvah.org/siddur.html>

### PHYLLIS ROSEN, CRB, GRI

Broker Sales Associate  
Sales Performance



## Prudential

### Fox & Roach REALTORS®

North Brunswick Office  
1500 Finnegans Lane, North Brunswick, NJ 08902  
Bus 732 297-5000 Res 732 297-5555  
Pager 732 605-2369 E-Mail: [PhyllisRosen1@aol.com](mailto:PhyllisRosen1@aol.com)



An independently owned and operated member of the Prudential Real Estate Affiliates, Inc



**Jewish Ritual Art ••• One of a kind,  
hand painted & printed  
Tallit, Chuppah, Covers for Matzah &  
Challah**



To meet with the artist call:  
**Adria Sherman**  
609-799-8807  
[ArtbyAdria.com](http://ArtbyAdria.com)

## 350 YEARS OF JEWISH LIFE IN AMERICA: 1654-2004

[www.celebrate350.org](http://www.celebrate350.org)

### A TIMELINE. PART TWO: 1776 — 1841

**1779: Jewish Soldier is Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in the Continental Army.** Solomon Bush is promoted to lieutenant colonel in the Continental Army, making him the highest ranking Jewish officer in America.

**1783: Jewish Major Appointed Vice-Consul in Marseilles.** David Salisbury Franks, a major and Benedict Arnold's aide-de-camp during the Revolutionary War, is appointed vice-consul in Marseilles. He is the first Jew to be appointed to a U.S. diplomatic post.

**1790: George Washington Affirms Religious Freedom for Jews.** In a letter to the Hebrew Congregation in Newport, Rhode Island, President Washington assures the Jewish community that their right to religious freedom is guaranteed by a United States government "which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance. . . ."



**Celebrate 350**  
**Jewish Life in America**  
**1654 ~ 2004**

**1791: Ratification of Bill of Rights Protects Jews, Other Minorities.** The adoption by the United States of the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution, known as the Bill of Rights, provides a series of freedoms, including the freedom to worship, that is generally believed to assure full civic participation for Jews and other minorities in American society.

**1796: Synagogue in America to Follow Ashkenazi Worship.** A group of Ashkenazim break way from the Mikveh Israel Synagogue in Philadelphia, forming Rodeph Shalom, the first synagogue in the country to follow the Ashkenazi form of worship. For the first time, a Jewish community has more than a single house of worship.

**1796: First Jewish Character in American Fiction Written.** In an unflattering characterization, Adonah, a Jewish merchant who robs the protagonist in Royall Tyler's *The Algerine Captive*, becomes the first modern Jewish character in American fiction.

**1801: Etting appointed U.S. Marshall.** Reuben Etting is appointed U.S. Marshall for Maryland. He is the first Jew in the United States to hold public office.

**1813: Mordecai Manuel Noah Appointed Consul.** Mordecai Manuel Noah is appointed consul at Tunis. Born in Philadelphia, Noah was a fervent patriot and advocate of war with England in 1812. This is the first major diplomatic post awarded to an American Jew.

However, in 1814 Secretary of State James Monroe recalls Noah from his post. Noah's religion is thought to be the primary reason behind his termination. In 1822, Noah is made the first Jewish sheriff of New York City.

**1819: Female Hebrew Benevolent Society Established.** The Female Hebrew Benevolent Society, the first of its kind, is founded in Philadelphia by Rebecca Gratz. The Society is created to aid Philadelphia's impoverished Jews, providing them with food, clothing, and other essentials. Later, in 1838, Gratz founds the first Sunday school, the forerunner of Gratz College.

**1823: The Jew Begins Publication.** Solomon H. Jackson publishes *The Jew*, in New York, the first Jewish periodical in the U.S. This publication's primary purpose is to refute missionary attacks on Jews.

**1831: Jewish Minister Initiates Preaching in English.** Isaac Leiser, the hazzan of Philadelphia's Congregation Mikveh Israel, becomes the first American Jewish minister to institute preaching in English as part of the Shabbat services.

**1833: Penina Moise Publishes Poems.** Charleston born Penina Moise publishes a book of her poems, five of which have Jewish themes. Her book, published in Charleston, is thought to be the first by a Jewish woman in the United States.

**1834: House of Rothschild Appointed Fiscal Agents of U.S.** The House of Rothschild, the European Jewish banking family, is appointed fiscal agents of the United States.

**1840: President Orders Protest of Damascus Blood Libel.** President Martin Van Buren orders the U.S. consul in Egypt to protest the Damascus blood libel. The libel claims that Syrian Jews had killed two men and used their blood to make Passover matzah. In a groundbreaking effort, fifteen thousand American Jews protest in six American cities on behalf of their Syrian brethren.

**1841: Mordecai Drafts U.S. Army Ordnance Manual.** Alfred Mordecai drafts the first U.S. Army Ordnance Manual. During the Civil War, Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy, asks him to be chief of ordnance. Mordecai resigns to avoid fighting for the North against his home and fighting for the South against his country.

**1841: Jewish Day School Established.** Congregation B'nai Jeshurun establishes the United States' first Jewish day school in New York.

Timeline info from [www.celebrate350.org](http://www.celebrate350.org). Used with Permission. More info on *350 Years of Jews in America* can be found online.



**ISRAEL TASKFORCE**

Alan Kane, Chairperson

**A RISKY OPPORTUNITY**

Risk is an interesting concept to consider. We all take calculated risks in our everyday lives, like when we make a financial investment, switch jobs or try something new. We are willing to take those risks because we want to improve our future or enrich our lives. Sometimes we benefit from taking risks and sometimes we don't. But, risk avoidance is in itself risky, especially if we expect tomorrow to be better than today. Circumstances do change and opportunity often presents itself surrounded in risk.

With the anticipated demise of Israel's arch-adversary, both the Israelis and the Palestinians were presented with an opportunity to make a better future. Wisely, Israeli leaders took some calculated risks to advance the prospects for peace. They removed travel restrictions on Arafat before he died and took significant steps toward reducing defensive measures afterward. Cognizant of the precarious position of the interim Palestinian leadership, the Israelis scrupulously avoided any appearance of meddling. Equally as wisely, the interim Palestinian leadership had taken risks by avoiding a conflict over the burial site, tried to bring their violent, militant factions into a political election process and attempted to restore the rule of law.

To even the casual observer, it was obvious that both sides saw this historic opportunity and understood the risks of action and inaction. They have reciprocally signaled their desire to resolve the conflict. Yet, no one expects any further progress to be easy, go smoothly or happen quickly. There are too many extremists with their own agendas ready to be spoilers. Moderate Palestinian leaders have been openly threatened and Israel anticipates a barrage of provocative acts. The Palestinian leadership has the added burden of gaining the confidence of their cynical fragmented public while any support from Israel can be a double-edged sword.

Faced with the risks associated with a new reality, many people on both sides of the fence feel that they have been hurt

too deeply to ever reconcile, and the editorial pundits are quick to logically explain why they think a resolution is impossible. I personally am more optimis-

...both sides ... have reciprocally signaled their desire to resolve the conflict. Yet, no one expects any further progress to be easy...

The Israeli and Palestinian leadership have both demonstrated a willingness to take constructive risks for the future of their people, and under the right conditions, time has a way of healing even the deepest wounds. This column was written in November, too soon to expect much progress, but I hope that by the time you read it, the risks already taken will have yielded some encouraging rewards.

Celebrate *simchas*  
and other  
special occasions  
with the *new*  
State of Israel  
\$100  
Mazel Tov Bond.

An ideal way to  
commemorate the great  
moments in life  
while building  
Israel's future.

Purchase Price: \$100 per unit.

Matures 5 years from issue date at \$120, representing an interest rate of 3.7%. This interest rate is effective through June 30, 2004.

Owner receives an attractive certificate suitable for framing.

Must be registered in the name of an individual (custodian for a minor), or jointly in the names of no more than two individuals.

Non-transferrable. Not eligible for early redemption.



Development Corporation for Israel  
**ISRAEL BONDS**  
Member NASD, SIPC

**WEDDINGS**   
**BIRTHDAYS**   
**BAR/BAT MITZVAH**   
**NEW BABY**   
**ANNIVERSARIES**  
**GRADUATIONS**   
**NEW JOB**   
**PROMOTION**  
**NEW HOME** 

This is not an offering, which can be made only by prospectus. Read it carefully before investing.  
Development Corporation for Israel/State of Israel Bonds  
300 Raritan Avenue - Highland Park, NJ 08904  
(732) 828-0200 \* (800) 752-5652  
www.israelbonds.com

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS

Ann Kanarek, Director

### ALOHA

I was recently on vacation in Hawaii and as I traveled on the coastal roads, I enjoyed the awesome scenery as the land met the sea. As a visitor I naturally looked out the window toward the ocean's horizon. However, I noticed that the local people who drive these roads look inland. They want to see what's going on: who's remodeling their house, who has a new car, who's working outside that they know and should wave to. This is the paradox of paradise island travel; the contrast between people who visit and people who reside, between those hosting and those trying to be respectful guests.

Our synagogue can be either a place that is just visited and looked at or it can be our spiritual home. It only remains for us as travelers to step off the tour bus or get out of our car long enough to join the worship, the learning and the fellowship. There are several ways we can make the change from gawking outsiders to respected guests or valued congregants. Don't allow yourself to be an outsider looking in. Enjoy the local flavor, be part of community activity and mingle. Here at B'nai Tikvah everyone is welcome to be part of the excitement. Don't be a stranger. Join us, get involved, and come to participate in our many programs, activities and worship services. We look forward to seeing you.

### CHANUKAH IS COMING!!

### SUPPORT OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL'S WALL OF FLAME



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

### PICKING FAVORITES

Is Chanukah your favorite holiday? Well join the crowd; most children would agree with you. Now we have to ask: "Why?" "The presents, of course!" you say. Yet giving gifts at Chanukah is a fairly new part of the holiday. Earlier in our history, a few coins were given to children on Chanukah. These coins were called Chanukah gelt (gelt means money in Yiddish). During the holiday, many Jews continue to give tzedakah so the poor could receive gelt, too.

Chanukah is popular because the story makes us proud as Jews. We celebrate the victory of the Maccabees over the Syrian-Greek army of the tyrant Antiochus. As we light candles, eat *latkes* and play *dreidle*, we remember that the Maccabees's struggle of long ago is still our struggle today: How to remain loyal to the traditions and dreams of our people while participating in the best that the secular world has to offer. Theirs was also a battle for religious freedom, a battle that we continue to fight today as well.

In the synagogue, Chanukah is marked with a few changes in the prayer service. A special prayer of thanksgiving is added which begins with the words *Al ha-Nissim* "for the miracles." *Al ha-Nissim* is also added to the *Birkat ha-Mazon*, the grace after meals. The full *Hallel*, made up of psalms of praise to G-d, is said each morning.

Chanukah is an exciting time of year for everyone. I wish you all a *Chag Sameach* and best wishes for a happy and enjoyable Chanukah.

We have planned many exciting programs for Chanukah. Please join us and help us celebrate Chanukah as a congregational family.

### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DECEMBER REMINDERS

**Sunday, December 5:** Hei class: Rabbi's 4 "B" Program, part 2, 9:00am-12:05pm. Parents are invited.

**Sunday, December 12:** Special *Chanukah* program with *Cowboy Roy*. Join us as we celebrate the exciting holiday of Chanukah with magic, music and puppets. This special event is appropriate for children in Kindergarten - Gimmel. Two shows: **9:55am-10:25am** or **10:45am-11:15am**. Parents are welcome to attend with younger siblings and we hope that our SECOND GRADERS will also join us, too!! (Second graders may join us for either show.)

**Thursday, December 23 - Sunday, January 2:**  
**NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL: Winter break**

**Monday, January 3:** Religious school resumes

**Sunday, January 9:** Kindergarten PACT program:  
*Shema Pajama Party*, 9:00am-10:30am.

Dalet class: Rabbi's 4 "B" program, part one: 9:00am-

# NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Fran Pearson, Director

## We're Celebrating 30 Years...

We are proud to announce that the Jewish Community Center of North & South Brunswick Nursery School will be celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this January. Throughout the years, our nursery school has tried to connect our children with their Jewish heritage in a way that has been both engaging and meaningful to them. We thank all families past and present who have helped us reach this important milestone.

## And the Beat Goes On...

Our commitment continues this month as we teach our children about Chanukah the "Festival of Lights". The word Chanukah means "dedication". We are dedicated to teach our children not only about getting gifts and gelt but also about the spiritual significance of the holiday. We begin our Chanukah celebration by telling the children the story of Judah Maccabee and the miracle of the oil. We explain that on Chanukah we light the menorah for eight days because the oil, which was only supposed to last for one day, lasted for eight days. Today, we light our candles, exchange gifts, play dreidel, and eat fried potato latkes and donuts to remember this victory for religious freedom and the miracle of the oil.

## Chanukah Happenings...

Our nursery school children will all enjoy the celebration of Chanukah by learning holiday songs, preparing potato latkes and other treats, spinning dreidels, and making special menorahs and holiday gifts.

Holidays are a special time and at our school we are warmly inviting our nursery school parents to attend our holiday party on Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> for our Pre-k and three year old children and Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> for our two and a half year olds and Toddler Fun Club children.

Our Pre-k and three year old actors and actresses are preparing to entertain us with special songs. They will dress as latkes, candles, and Maccabees. We are honored that Rabbi Eligberg and Cantor Rockman will assist us in lighting our school menorah. Master magician, Bruce Bray will entertain us with his magic show. Our party continues as we gather round our festive tables to enjoy eating some latkes, applesauce and munchkins. Gina Giuffre, will provide the entertainment for our younger set. Dreidels filled with Chanukah gelt will be given to our children as treats.

Our children will be given the opportunity to buy little gifts for their families at our "Kids Only Gift Shoppe". This event will surely bring pleasant surprises and smiling faces to our nursery school parents. This event will take place on Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

On behalf of our nursery school staff, we wish everyone a wonderful and bright Chanukah.

## Upcoming Events...

Registration for our Mommy & Me and Toddler Fun Club Winter Session as well as our new two and a half year old class starting in January 2005 will begin on Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Temple members receive tuition discounts and priority registration. Please stop by or call the nursery school office for a registration packet or to obtain further information.

Our two and a half year old enrichment program – Rhymes & Rainbows will begin in January 2005. This program is for students currently enrolled in our two and a half year old class.

## NURSERY SCHOOL DECEMBER CALENDAR

Thursday, December 2: Kids Gift Shoppe

Friday, December 3: Kids Gift Shoppe

Monday, December 6: Registration for new two and a half year old class

Wednesday, December 8: Holiday Party for Pre-k & Three's

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

Monday, December 13: Mommy & Me Winter Registration Begins

Friday, December 24 -Friday, December 31:

SCHOOL CLOSED – WINTER BREAK

Monday, January 3: SCHOOL REOPENS

Patronize Hakol Advertisers!  
Let them know you saw their ad in the Hakol.

## CREATIVE MEMORIES

Jodi Marcou

Independent Consultant

21 Village Road, Kendall Park, NJ 08824

732/422-6628 jodimarcou@comcast.net

Photo Safe Albums & Supplies \*Home Classes &  
Workshops\*Group Presentations \* Business Opportunities

# B'NAI TIKVAH YOUTH

## FAMILY SHABBAT

December 10



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

However, there's a *special date, time & program* for December: Family Shabbat 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 Hanukkah candle lighting at 4pm. Family Shabbat services start immediately after.



## TOT SHABBAT

December 4th

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!

### SPECIALIZING IN WATER HEATERS

INSTALLATION & REPAIRS  
NEW CERAMIC TILE  
DRAIN CLEANING  
SUMP PUMPS

KITCHENS & BATHS  
GARBAGE DISPOSALS  
APPLIANCE HOOK-UPS

### PARK ACRES PLUMBING & HEATING

KENDALL PARK  
732 297-7538

Harold Small Lic. #5648

Owner will personally come to your home or business  
-Over 40 years experience-

We recommend Bradford White Water Heaters



Jeff Berkman  
Phone: (732) 821-8119

- Interior Painting
- Wallpapering
- Home Repairs
- Sheetrock Repairs
- Power Washing
- Deck Finishing/Cleaning
- Driveway Repair/Sealing

## Painting Plus, L.L.C.

Free Estimates  
Fully Insured  
Great References



# USY

usy@bnaitikvah.org

Audra Lifson, Advisor  
AIM: blondy0131 732-545-8314

Dear Members of the Congregation:

My Co-President Ilana and I would like to extend the thanks of the entire USY Board and Chapter for your gracious food donations during Rosh Hashanah.

After the holidays our Advisor, Audra Lifson, transported the goods from the Temple to her home in three trips. If you can recall the speech Ilana and I gave on the Second day of Rosh Hashanah, this was exactly our goal.

We contacted the South Brunswick Food Bank in order to donate the food. My brother and I had removed the back seats to our parents' van. Loaded with more than two layers of bagged food my brother Jason our Communications VP, our SA/TO Vice President Sam Rudin, Audra, and I delivered the food on November 14th, following Fall Kinnus.

It took three trips to cart the food inside using three shopping carts for a total of nine cartloads. The people at the Food Bank were shocked and pleased at how much food we collected.

Without the time you spent collecting food and bringing it to the temple we as a community would not have filled nine carts for those less fortunate living among us.

Through your gracious donations many families will have the opportunity for better meals and a full stomach, something most of us take for granted.

From this unselfish act, we extend the gratitude of North/South Brunswick USY's entire Chapter. Your concern for others during the New Year made a lasting impression on USY and the Food Bank, an impression we hope you will help keep through future times of need. USY looks forward to your continued assistance in making our future drives a success.

Once again, I thank you all for the food you donated and the selflessness of this act. We wish you all the best during the upcoming holidays and throughout the year.

Gary A. Marx  
North/South Brunswick USY  
Co-President 2004-2005  
Gam131487@hotmail.com

Ilana Katronetsky  
Co-President  
Yanks51bk@aol.com

Audra Lifson  
Advisor  
Blondy0131@aol.com

# B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

## MEN'S CLUB



### JOSEPH GRODMAN RECEIVES FEDERATION OF MEN'S CLUBS MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

November 10, 2004: Past Treasurer Joseph Grodman receives the Man-of-the Year award for his many years of service to our synagogue's Mens Club at the Regional Men's Club Dinner, held at Congregation Bnai Tikvah. Left to Right: Stu Kaplan, FJMC Regional President, Joseph Grodman, Stan Schnitzer FJMC President's Cabinet member.

## Next Men's Club Monthly Meeting Sunday December 12, 2004

**Speaker: Gary Bergman**  
**10 am for minyan**

Our own award-winning Webmaster, Gary Bergman, will discuss web design, Photoshop techniques, and tips for digital camera photographers. In addition, we are hoping for a digital slide presentation from his recent trip to Israel.

\$4 breakfast for our usual bagels and lox buffet.

If you have not paid your annual membership dues (\$36), please drop it off in the Mens Club mailbox at the synagogue or mail it to our Treasurer, Andy Ross at 14 Freida Lane, Kendall Park, NJ 08824.

*Ed Birch*  
*President-Mens Club*

## Sisterhood

**Sunday, December 19**  
**Trip to the**  
**Jewish Theological Seminary**



Tour the Seminary, including the Women's League sanctuary, library, classrooms and grounds. Options to have lunch, go shopping, or walk around NYC on your own. Visit [www.jtsa.edu](http://www.jtsa.edu) for info about the Seminary.

Leave B'nai Tikvah 9AM, arrive back by about 6PM. Cost: \$10 for paid up Sisterhood members and for each of their children, \$15 for non-Sisterhood members.

Please RSVP by December 6 to Ruth Anne Koenick at [RuthAnne.Koenick@bnaitikvah.org](mailto:RuthAnne.Koenick@bnaitikvah.org) or call 732-828-8141.

### 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 AM.

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

### Quick Notes:

If you still need a Mah Jongg card for this year we have some left. Also be sure to order your card for next year now. Contact Fern Katronetsky at [f.katronetsky@ieee.org](mailto:f.katronetsky@ieee.org).

It's time to get active in your Sisterhood!! Contact Linda Feinstein at 732-329-3185 or e-mail her at [Linda-Feinstein@comcast.net](mailto:Linda-Feinstein@comcast.net) and offer to help with Purim baskets or our upcoming Mah Jongg Tournament. In addition to Helping Sisterhood, you will have lots of fun and meet new peo-

## Time for a new TALLIS?

Need Benchers, Yarmulkas  
or unique Judaica?

**Yarmulkas by AMY, L.L.C.**

**(732) 613-8018**

**Huge selection available in stock**  
**DISCOUNT PRICES - PERSONAL SERVICE**

Visit [www.ekippah.com](http://www.ekippah.com)  
for your one-stop tallis, kippot and bencher needs

## B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

### Could it be? Yes, it could. Something's coming, something good!

If you're a fan of musicals, then you know that these lyrics are from one of the truly great American musicals of all time – West Side Story. With music by Leonard Bernstein and direction and choreography by Jerome Robbins – two world-class *lantzmen*, West Side Story broke all the rules of the stage and began an exiting new era for Broadway and musical theater.

The song, "Something's Coming" describes a feeling that Tony, the romantic male lead, is experiencing. The anticipation of something great that's about to happen. At B'nai Tikvah, something great is coming, too. For many years, a special musical project has been in the planning. Finally, that project is on its way to fruition.

I'd like to officially announce here in *Hakol* that *The Sons of Tikvah*, Congregation B'nai Tikvah's own house band, is in the process of recording its first CD. That's right, the music you love to listen to, sing along with, or spontaneously *hora* to, is about to be available for your own enjoyment at anytime you wish. This has been a true labor of love, one that has required a huge time and financial commitment on the part of everyone in the band, but when it's all said and done, we will have released something to help put B'nai Tikvah on the musical map.

The CD, which we are targeting to ship on or about Chanukah 2004, will contain twelve songs from our growing repertoire of Jewish and Hebrew music. Some songs are tunes that have become our trademarks ("Rommemu, Al Hanissim"), while others are original music we've created ("Shir Shel Moshe"). They're guaranteed to get your toes tapping and for face smiling.

Additionally, we have reached out to our very own Make-lah to appear on one of the recordings and Kol Tikvah (our children's choir) on another; so purchasing one of these CDs will give you a multitude of musical styles and flavors.

Why are we doing this? The answer is simple. Cantor

Rockman and I have had a shared vision for more years than we've known each other: the idea of developing an exciting, enlightening music program at Congregation B'nai Tikvah that introduces the beautiful and spiritual music of our Jewish heritage to our growing congregation. And the musical

groups that exist today within the shul already offer congregants of all ages the opportunity to begin participating in this experience.

The cost per CD is an \$18.00 tax-deductible donation to the Sons of Tikvah Fund. A portion of the proceeds from the sales of this CD

will go towards supporting the music programs that we are developing. So if you enjoy the music of *The Sons of Tikvah* (and our Friends), then I suggest you order as many CDs as possible – for you, your family, your friends, your fellow congregants, your secretary, your dentist, your hair stylist – for everyone! They make wonderful gifts, and your financial support will allow us to continue to bring musical programs to our temple.


Marty Angstreich

### The Sons of Tikvah are recording their first CD.

#### COLLEGE RESEARCH CONSULTANTS SPECIALIZING IN COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

DAVID MASON, Ed.M.

1398 AXEL AVENUE  
NORTH BRUNSWICK, NJ 08902  
(732) 247-1543  
FAX (732) 247-4343  
dmasoncrc@hotmail.com



**Custom Eyes**  
**Wayne Gonchar**  
Optician

**Eyewear is a great accessory...  
It can change your appearance...  
Your personality!**

**Come visit us!**

HOURS: Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri: 10-6  
Thurs: 10-7:00 • Sat: 10-4 • Sunday By Appointment

**647M Rt. 18 • East Brunswick**  
(A & P Shopping Center & Arthur Street)

**732-613-EYES (3937)**

# B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

## SOCIAL ACTION

### A CALL FOR HELP! HELP A NEEDY FAMILY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

We are still in need of volunteers to obtain one or more of the items on a family's wish list. Please contact Janice Baer at [SocialAction@Bnaitikvah.org](mailto:SocialAction@Bnaitikvah.org) if you can help. Monetary donations are still being accepted. This money 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.

### SOCIAL ACTION'S HANUKKAH GIFT IDEA: MAZON CARDS

At a loss of what to give a relative, friend or teacher for Chanukah? How about buying a newly designed Mazon card in honor of that special someone. Cards are \$5.00 each. All proceeds will go to Mazon, 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.

### DONATE YOUR OLD CELL PHONE TO HELP BATTERED WOMEN

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

#### Food of the Month:

#### December

Macaroni and Cheese,  
Canned Tuna or Canned Spaghettios

#### January

Cereal and Parmalat

## From The Webmaster

### BETWEEN THE MONTHS

What happens to the news, announcements, and notices that don't make it into the Hakol by the deadline? Some things would just be "old news" if held over till the next month and some events might be missed altogether.

As I write this, I may not be aware of the next fundraiser or special item for sale by the Men's Club, Sisterhood, or School. But, you can be sure that someone will bring it to my attention and there will be a printable form available on the website and a notice sent in the weekly email announcements.

Some of the current forms include; T-shirts, Flowers, Bracelets, Siddur dedications, College gift registration, Mah Jongg cards, Scrip & Entertainment books.

Check the weekly CBT Newsletter for all the current events and, especially the important, stuff that may not have made it into the Hakol.

### "Google" as a verb

Google, the most popular search engine that people use to surf the internet, has recently entered into our everyday vocabulary. To "Google" someone or some thing, means to find publicly accessible information about that person or thing.

To find something specific about B'nai Tikvah, you can go to [Bnaitikvah.org](http://Bnaitikvah.org) and "Google" the site for whatever interests you. Type your phrase or question in the white space on the upper left and click the round "GO" button. Hopefully, Google will find what you're looking for and if it doesn't, please send a note to [webmaster@bnaitikvah.org](mailto:webmaster@bnaitikvah.org) and let me know what you couldn't "google".



By Appointment

**DR. STEVEN B. DICKERT**

**CHIROPRACTOR**

58 Wetherhill Way  
(Corner Georges Road)  
Dayton, N.J. 08810  
(732) 329-2255

176 Hart Boulevard  
(Corner Forest Avenue)  
Staten Island, N.Y. 10301  
(718) 981-4900

## B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

### MATTHEW KATZ'S HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL GARDEN PROJECT

Matthew Katz will be working on his Boy Scout Eagle Project starting in early spring of 2005. The Eagle Project is a requirement for the rank of Eagle, the highest attainable rank in scouting. This project will entail the construction of a Holocaust Memorial Garden on Synagogue grounds.

For further information, or to volunteer to help, offer donations, and/or supplies, please contact Matthew at MSK523@aol.com or 732-329-0687.

#### The Perfect Place to Shop for Hanukkah Presents:

#### B'nai Tikvah Sisterhood Gift Shop

Open before holidays,  
Sunday mornings 9 - 12,  
or by special appointment.

Deborah Spigner, 732 545-8457  
Linda Goldstein, 908 359-7006  
Teresa Samtur, 732 297-0295

## 50plus

### Next Meeting Tuesday, December 21

The Fifty Plus Group will meet on Tuesday, December 21, at 12:30 p.m. in the social hall of the Synagogue. A gala afternoon is planned including a delicious luncheon free to paid-up members and \$5.00 for guests. We are pleased to present the well-known artist, Don Bloom of East Brunswick, who will discuss his master's thesis, a series of oils entitled "A Survey of American Paintings". He will also demonstrate by drawing members and will sketch several caricatures of members of the group. Reservations for members and guests must be made by December 10 to Annette at 732-297-3562 or Doris at 609-860-1498.

## Assisted Living has been the perfect choice for Mom!

She is now able to maintain her independence  
and has all the support she needs.



SomerBrook, The Martin & Edith Stein Assisted Living Residence, combines a warm, inviting atmosphere with traditional Jewish values. It's just what our family was looking for. Mom gets the personal attention she needs, and that we want for her; and, at an affordable rate.

- Assistance with dressing, bathing and medication
- Licensed nursing on site 24 hours a day
- Luxury studio, 1 or 2 bedroom apartments
- Sumptuous kosher cuisine
- Housekeeping, linen and transportation services
- Recreation, cultural and educational activities

Be sure to request your free Assisted Living GUIDE & CHECKLIST



The Perfect Choice...  
The Best Value...  
Visit and Compare! Call Today:  
**1-800-574-5760**



The Martin & Edith Stein Assisted Living Residence

350 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ, 08873 • [www.steinresidence.org](http://www.steinresidence.org)



## B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

**COME GROW WITH US...** Help plant our

### TREE OF LIFE

To be located in the new wing of the synagogue.



#### LEAVES

200 leaves available at \$180.00\* each, including engraving.

#### ACORNS

\$360.00\* each

#### FOUNDATION STONES

\$540.00\* each

Limited number of decorative acorns and foundation stones available.

10%  
Pre-Grand  
Opening  
Discount!

For further info, or to place your order:

Arlene Frumkin: 732-297-5069, Tammy Zimmerman: 732-398-1420, or the synagogue office.

*Are your kids ready for new SAT writing section???*

## WRITING TUTOR

Professional writer/editor/author, ex-teacher

Improve writing skills –  
for classes, college essays and  
new 800-point SAT writing section  
starting in March.

JEFF WEINGRAD

jweingrad@comcast.net; 732-821-2006

# CONTRIBUTIONS TO B'NAI TIKVAH FUNDS

October 16 through November 15, 2004

## Yartzeit:

Hyman Arougheti, in memory of his beloved wife, Mary Arougheti

David and Michele Greenfield, in memory of Mary Arougheti Gladys and Sidney Kalman, in memory of Morris Mandel

Rochelle and Martin Haller, in memory of Max Richter

Betty and Marvin Stark, in memory of L.D. Stark

Helen Segal, in memory of Celia Steinberg

Millicent Kutliroff, in memory of her husband David Kutliroff

Millicent Kutliroff, in memory of her mother Celia Steinberg

Millicent Kutliroff, in memory of her father Jerauchine

Steinberg

Allen, Ilene, Joshua and Stacie Karp, in memory of Pauline

Karp

Rachel and Michael Silverstein, in memory of

Muriel Feldman

Abbey and Bernard Lorber, in memory of

Sam Kahn

Rose and Milton Kabakoff, in memory of

Marsha Epstein

Deborah Kane Spigner and Martin Spigner, in

memory of Raymond Kane

Roberta Bilker, in memory of her beloved

mother, Jean Rubin

Abbey and Bernard Lorber, in memory of

Charles Lorber

Elaine Buechler, in memory of Leonard

Buechler

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:

The Feldman family, in memory of Helen

Feldman

The Adlers, in honor of the birth of Miriam

Chana, daughter of Rabbi David and Jodi

Eligberg

## Cantor's Discretionary Fund:

Cyndi and Rick Kleinbart, in honor of the Bar

Mitzvah of their son Zachary

## Expansion Fund:

Bette and Steve Koffler, in memory of Regina Kindman

Gale Dillman, in memory of her sister, Susan Warshaw

Gale Dilman, in honor of her Aliyah and Gelilah honor

Brenda and Mark Sherman, in honor of the birth of Judy and

Mark Roller's granddaughter

## Youth Fund:

Maxine and Mark Kasdin, wishing Tanya Auerbach speedy and complete recovery

Sheila & Lou Friedlander, in memory of Ben Miles

Tanya Auerbach, in honor of her grandson Ian Schwart's blowing

the shofar at B'nai Tikvah's Rosh Hashana 5765 Services

## Israeli Youth Exchange Fund:

Dorothy and Larry Cohen, in honor of the engagement of Avi

Olitzky to Sarah

Amy and Arie Behar, in honor of the birth of Miriam Chana,

daughter of Rabbi David and Jodi Eligberg

Amy and Arie Behar, in honor of Stacey Rockman's pregnancy

Amy and Arie Behar, in honor of the birth of Judy and Mark Roller's granddaughter

## Suse Rosenstock Memorial Fund:

Beverly Heller and Walter Rosenstock, in memory of Harold Heller

Beverly Heller and Walter Rosenstock, in memory of Helen Feldman

Beverly Heller and Walter Rosenstock, in honor of the marriage of Lisa Shulman and Dotan Zvi

Beverly Heller and Walter Rosenstock, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Adam Frumkin

Fran and Philip Weinstein, in honor of Joe Grodman named Federation of Men's Clubs "Man of the Year"

## Leon Bible Fund:

## Passport to Israel Fund:

Nancy and Elliott Danto, in honor of Irwin Millinger, for being a good neighbor and friend

Nancy and Elliott Danto, in honor of Rabbi David and Jodi Eligberg, on the birth of their daughter and double happy birthday to Rabbi Eligberg

## Prayer Book Fund:

Joyce and Leonard Mandelblatt, in memory of Helen Feldman

The Feldman family, in memory of Helen Feldman

## Family Shabbat Fund:

## Makhela Fund:

## Son's of Tikvah Fund:

## School Fund:

The Peters Family, in memory of Sara Weissman (mother of Carol Winter)

## Nursery School Fund:

Rochelle and Marty Haller, in honor of the birth of Miriam Chana Eligberg

*"Providing Relief,  
Restoring Function"*



3228 Route 27

Kendall Park, NJ 08824

Phone: 732-297-0032

Fax: 732-297-0558

Email: info@jerseycpt.com

## Ritual Fund:

## Library Fund:

## Torah Restoration Fund:

## Tzedakah Fund:

Rebecca and Alan Denlow, in memory of Sol Denlow

Diane and Herbert Goldstein, in memory of Sylvia Halpern

Rebecca, Alan, Ari and Shayna Denlow, in memory of Sara

Weissman (mother of Carol Winter)

## Social Action Fund:

Amy and Cliff Smith, in honor of the birth of Miriam Chana, daughter of Rabbi David and Jodi Eligberg

## Building/Capital Improvement Fund:

## General Fund:

The Members of the Tenants Association of Oak Woods, in memory of Beatrice Barrack

## Men's Club:

37

## BOARD AND VP REPORTS

From the November, 2004 Board of Trustees Meeting

(Continued from page 6)

### 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.

**Dues Structure:** The membership dues structure is being reexamined by a small membership committee. A proposal will be presented to the board hopefully in the spring to be considered. Nothing will go into effect before Jan. 2006

**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!

**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.

**Committee Members:** The membership committee has welcomed 3 new members this year. Anyone interested in helping on the committee, please do not be shy! Contact VP Membership, 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	70%
3. Electrical	80%
4. Plumbing	50%
5. Windows and Exterior Doors	100%
6. Fire Protection System	70%
7. EIFS (stucco exterior)	90%
8. Steel studs and drywall	55%
9. Miscellaneous iron work	0%
10. Ceilings	0%
11. Bathroom partitions	0%
on order, 4 week lead time	
12. Flooring (except MP room)	0%
no contract, no bids	
13. MP room flooring	0%
14. Painting	0%
no contract, 1 bid	
15. MP Room door	0%
track to be delivered and installed	
within the next 2 weeks.	
16. Classroom accordion door	0%
17. Barrier free lift	0%
18. Gas line	0%
no contract, 1 bid	
19. Basketball hoops	75%

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. While the electrical work is ahead of this work, the stud work cannot be completed until the plumbing rough in is completed. This is now complete and the sheetrock in the classroom area is completed in most areas with taping and spackling taking place. The remaining EIFS (stucco) work is complete except for the area at the back of the multi purpose room as we await installation of a steel beam at the lower part of the wall. This has been promised for the next week or so. The work in the ceiling area of the MP room has been progressing with the installation of the basketball back board supporting structure and the installation of the ductwork in the ceiling area.

On the authorization of the BOT at the last meeting, the Construction Committee has met with the Synagogue's Attorney to discuss proceeding against the Contractor for various cost overruns with the project.

(Continued on page 22)



### FIRST PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SOLUTION

**ARIE BEHAR**  
PRESIDENT

PHONE: 732-937-5080      525 MILLTOWN ROAD  
FAX: 732-937-5088      SUITE 205  
CELL: 732-236-8867      NORTH BRUNSWICK, N.J. 08902  
E-MAIL: ARIEBEHAR@COMCAST.NET



#### COSMETIC & RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY

Neal R. Gittleman, D.D.S., F.A.G.D.      279 East Main Street      p 908.722.2999  
DawnMarie Di Grazia, D.M.D.      Somerville, NJ 08876      f 908.218.9346

## BOARD AND VP REPORTS

### From the November, 2004 Board of Trustees Meeting

(Continued from page 20)

**Feedback Committee:** A reorganizational meeting of the Feedback Committee took place on Sunday October 24. It was agreed that the Committee would continue to operate although it would only meet when either Committee members or the Clergy have things which they would like to discuss. An e mail will be sent the first of each month to the Committee. If anyone feels that a meeting should take place, it would than be scheduled by the Chair.

#### School & Youth VP Harold Schneider

**Religious School:** Last year's Simchat Torah program created a Torah tapestry. This is now ready to display in our new building.

On October 24, our 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> grade Chai School students joined with the "Clothes Line" organization and

Laura Waksman to size and sort slightly used clothing for the needy of our community.

On Sunday, December 5, the Rabbi will facilitate the second of two Believing, Being, Belonging and Becoming programs for our Hei class.

The Alef naming service and dinner is scheduled 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 membership is currently at 48.

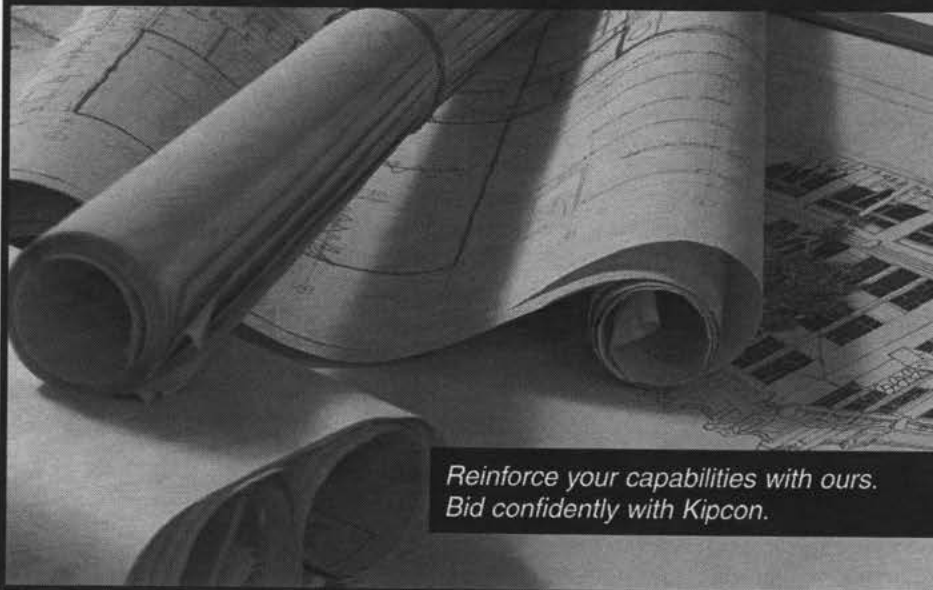
#### Our recently elected Kadima Board:

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

On Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, Kadima will hold Design a Shirt/Deli Night. Our Kadima members will put their artistry and sandwich-making skills to the test. The new board will be deciding the winner of the best t-shirt. The t-shirts will be made up and sold as a fundraiser. On Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, Kadima will have Laser Tag at Laser Park in Princeton Junction.

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

# YOU NEED IT... WE DESIGN IT.



Reinforce your capabilities with ours.  
Bid confidently with Kipcon.

- Structural Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Restorations and Upgrades
- Exterior Building/Roofing Analysis and Remediation
- Contract Administration



ENGINEERING PROBLEMS...  
INTO SOLUTIONS

Call today to discuss your needs.

Mitchell H. Frumkin, P.E., R.S., President

**1-800-828-4118**

**Kipcon Inc.**

Fax: 732-220-9017

www.kipcon.com



MEMBER OF  
community  
ASSOCIATIONS INSTITUTE

# B'NAI TIKVAH DIRECTORY

TITLE	NAME	PHONE #	E-MAIL ADDRESS
Rabbi	David Eligberg	732-940-1973	Rabbi@bnaitikvah.org
Cantor	Bruce Rockman	732-422-0963	Cantor@bnaitikvah.org
President	Arie Behar	732-422-1495	President@bnaitikvah.org
VP Activities	Gary Bergman	732-246-7285	Activities@bnaitikvah.org
VP Administration	Daniel Greenberg	732-297-3780	Administration@bnaitikvah.org
VP Membership	Cindy Gittleman	732-274-2253	Membership@bnaitikvah.org
VP School and Youth	Harold Schneider	732-940-8880	Harold.Schneider@bnaitikvah.org
VP Ways & Means	Mark Sherman	732-940-1110	Mark.Sherman@bnaitikvah.org
Recording Secretary	Bobbi Binder	732-274-2797	Secretary@bnaitikvah.org
Financial Secretary	Mark Kasdin	732-274-2897	Mark.Kasdin@bnaitikvah.org
Treasurer	Marc Dillman	732-821-7392	Treasurer@bnaitikvah.org
Asst. Treasurer	Frank Waltzer	732-329-9580	Frank.Waltzer@bnaitikvah.org
Past President	Mitchell Frumkin	732-297-5069	PastPresident@bnaitikvah.org
<b>TRUSTEES</b>	Janice Baer	732-940-0268	Janice.Baer@bnaitikvah.org
	Jeff Cadoff	732-398-3769	Jeff.Cadoff@bnaitikvah.org
	Larry Cohen	732-821-4376	Larry.Cohen@bnaitikvah.org
	Harvey Finkelstein	609- 860-9338	Harvey.Finkelstein@bnaitikvah.org
	Naomi Jackenthal	732-821-2664	Naomi.Jackenthal@bnaitikvah.org
	Jerry Kaminsky	732-297-3766	Jerry.Kaminsky@bnaitikvah.org
	Ruth Anne Koenick	732-828-8141	Ruthanne.Koenick@bnaitikvah.org
	Gary Warner	732-422-9292	Gary.Warner@bnaitikvah.org
	Paul Zankel	732-254-6465	Paul.Zankel@bnaitikvah.org
	Keith Zimmerman	732-398-1420	Keith.Zimmerman@bnaitikvah.org
<b>VOTING</b>	Doris Sandrowitz	609-860-1498	FiftyPlus@bnaitikvah.org
Fifty Plus	Al Garten	732-297-4595	Al.Garten@bnaitikvah.org
Men's Club	Cheryl Goldstein	732-821-7845	Sisterhood@bnaitikvah.org
Sisterhood			
<b>OFFICE</b>	Nitsat Hadas Elami	732-297-0696	Admin@bnaitikvah.org
Administrative Director	Roz Fischman	732-297-0696	Office@bnaitikvah.org
Administrative Assistant	Miriam Libove-Goldfarb	732-297-0696	Miriam@bnaitikvah.org
Assistant to the Clergy		732-297-2673	
Synagogue FAX			
B'nai Mitzvah Mentors	Cindy Gittleman	732-274-2253	Mentors@bnaitikvah.org
Cemetery	Bette Koffler	732-329-6518	Cemetery@bnaitikvah.org
College Committee	Marcy Finkelstein	609-860-9338	College@bnaitikvah.org
Couples Club	Nadine Weg	732-329-1359	
Feedback Committee	Mitchell Frumkin	732-297-5069	Feedback@bnaitikvah.org
Fifty Plus Group	Doris Sandrowitz	609-860-1498	FiftyPlus@bnaitikvah.org
Hakol Editors	Paul & Nancy Zankel	732-254-6465	Hakol@bnaitikvah.org
Hakol Advertising	Tammy Zimmerman	732-398-1420	Tammy.Zimmerman@bnaitikvah.org
Israel Bonds	Larry Cohen	732-821-4376	Bonds@bnaitikvah.org
Israel Taskforce	Alan Kane	732-418-1913	Alan.Kane@bnaitikvah.org
Junior Congregation	Barry Safeer	732-432-9622	JC@bnaitikvah.org
Kadima	Adam Sackett	908-284-1741	Kadima@bnaitikvah.org
Makelah	Cheryl Asnis	732-297-5379	Makelah@bnaitikvah.org
Men's Club Co-Presidents	Steve Katz/Ed Birch	732-821-6201	MensClub@bnaitikvah.org
New Beginnings	Jeanette Bergelson	732-246-1393	NewBeginnings@bnaitikvah.org
Nursery School Director	Fran Pearlson	732-297-0295	Nursery@bnaitikvah.org
Passport to Israel Program	Keith Zimmerman	732-398-1420	Passport@bnaitikvah.org
Programs	Gary Bergman	732-246-7285	Activities@bnaitikvah.org
Publicity	Bette Koffler	732-329-6518	Publicity@bnaitikvah.org
Religious School Comm. Chairs	Kim Reimann	732-940-4066	Kim.Reimann@bnaitikvah.org
	Lisa Seidman	732-297-6950	Lisa.Seidman@bnaitikvah.org
Religious School Principal	Ann Kanarek	732-297-0295	School@bnaitikvah.org
Ritual/Religious Activities	Bobbi Binder	732-274-2797	Ritual@bnaitikvah.org
Sisterhood President	Lynn Biderman	732-828-8141	Sisterhood@bnaitikvah.org
Scrip Committee Chair	Marc Binder	732-274-2797	Scrip@bnaitikvah.org
Social Action Comm. Chair	Janice Baer	732-940-0268	SocialAction@bnaitikvah.org
USY	Audra Lifson	732-545-8314	USY@bnaitikvah.org
Webmaster	Gary Bergman	732-246-7285	Webmaster@bnaitikvah.org
Yahrzeit Plaques	Nitsat Hadas Elami	732-297-0696	Admin@bnaitikvah.org
Youth Committee	Adrienne Ross	732-422-0637	YouthActivities@bnaitikvah.org

Keep our directory up to date. Updates and changes: e-mail Hakol@bnaitikvah.org, or call the editors at 732-254-6465

18 Kislev							DECEMBER 2004							19 Tevet						
Sun		Mon		Tue		Wed		Thu		Fri		Sat								
<b>NOVEMBER</b> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30				Candle Lighting 3 <sup>rd</sup> 4:14 10 <sup>th</sup> 4:13 17 <sup>th</sup> 4:15 24 <sup>th</sup> 4:18		<b>1</b> 18 Kislev Maimonides: Life & Works		<b>2</b> 19 Kislev USY Meeting		<b>3</b> 20 Kislev		<b>4</b> 21 Kislev Bar Mitzvah: Zachary Davis Tot Shabbat								
<b>5</b> 22 Kislev Hei Class Program		<b>6</b> 23 Kislev Board of Directors		<b>7</b> 24 Kislev FIRST NIGHT OF HANUKAH		<b>8</b> 25 Kislev Nursery School Hanukah Party Maimonides: Life & Works HANUKAH		<b>9</b> 26 Kislev Nursery School Hanukah Party HANUKAH		<b>10</b> 27 Kislev Family Hanukah Service Birthday Shabbat HANUKAH		<b>11</b> 28 Kislev Bar Mitzvah: Kyle Morse HANUKAH								
<b>12</b> 29 Kislev School Hanukah Special Program Men's Club HANUKAH		<b>13</b> 1 Tevet Congregational Meeting Sisterhood Board ROSH CHODESH HANUKAH		<b>14</b> 2 Tevet 50+ Board Meeting Hanukah Party New Beginnings LAST NIGHT OF HANUKAH		<b>15</b> 3 Tevet Maimonides: Life & Works LAST DAY OF HANUKAH		<b>16</b> 4 Tevet USY Meeting		<b>17</b> 5 Tevet Friday Night Plugged-in Family Shabbat		<b>18</b> 6 Tevet Bat Mitzvah: Melissa Cohen Bowling League								
<b>19</b> 7 Tevet Sisterhood Trip		<b>20</b> 8 Tevet School Committee		<b>21</b> 9 Tevet		<b>22</b> 10 Tevet FAST DAY		<b>23</b> 11 Tevet Religious School Winter Break Begins		<b>24</b> 12 Tevet Synagogue Office Closed Nursery School Winter Break Begins		<b>25</b> 13 Tevet								
<b>26</b> 14 Tevet		<b>27</b> 15 Tevet Social Action Meeting Executive Committee		<b>28</b> 16 Tevet 50+ General Meeting		<b>29</b> 17 Tevet		<b>30</b> 18 Tevet		<b>31</b> 19 Tevet Synagogue Office Closed NEW YEAR'S EVE		<b>JANUARY</b> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31								

# Solutions to Your Financial Needs

No matter what your future plans entail, Guardian can help you reach your financial goals. Make an intelligent choice. Contact our office today!

- LIFE INSURANCE
- DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE
- RETIREMENT SERVICES
- EMPLOYEE BENEFITS
- INVESTMENTS
- LONG TERM CARE\*

For more information contact:  
 Keith Zimmerman  
 Agency Supervisor  
 609.452.8088



\*Long Term Care Insurance is not underwritten by Guardian.  
 Registered Representative of Park Avenue Securities LLC (PAS), 7 Hanover Square, New York, NY 10004.  
 Securities products and services offered through PAS, 1-888-600-4667. PAS is an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of Guardian.  
 PAS, member NASD, SIPC.  
 Disability income products underwritten and issued by Berkshire Life Insurance Company of America, Pittsfields, MA, a wholly owned stock subsidiary of Guardian. Products not available in all states. Product provisions and features vary from state to state.