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HAKOL

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Puff*

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"Raise Our Voices For Israel" February 19th! Details Page 8.



A FUN TIME FOR ALL AGES: B'nai Tikvah's Hanukah Party is always a treat, and this year was no exception. Cantor Rockman leads the Sons of Tikvah Band, Kol Tikvah Youth Chorus, and special guests Mark Sherman and Gary Warner in verses of "I Had A Little Dreidel" at the Hanukah Party on December 14th.

**Sisterhood
Leads
SHABBAT
SHIRAH
January 22**

See Details in Hakol Flyer

**Tu B'Shvat
Seder**

**Monday,
January 24th
6:00 pm**

Save The Date!

**B'nai Tikvah
Celebrates
25 Years**

**Saturday,
March 12th**

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RABBI ELIGBERG SPEAKS

There is a beautiful song by Doug Cotler that has been playing in my mind for the past several weeks. Its words keep coming to the forefront of my thoughts as I focus on two upcoming events in the congregation. The imagery of a garden, of lovingly planting and tending to its trees, connects easily to our celebration of Tu B'Shevat. Both the holiday and the song remind us that we have grown up in a world filled with the beauty and abundance of nature and that we have a responsibility to care for and nurture it so that we can pass it along to the future in pristine purity.

Cotler uses the garden and the tree as a metaphor for the Torah and the transmission of tradition from one generation to the next. One can see, in the mind's eye, the ancient Israelites standing at the foot of a trembling Mount Sinai and being overwhelmed by the encounter with the Divine Presence.

One can see, in the mind's eye, Moshe descending the mountain carrying two stone tablets inscribed by Holy words. One can see, in the mind's eye, the Ark of the Covenant bearing the tablets being carried across the Jordan River into the land of Israel in the days of Joshua. One can see, in the mind's eye, the Temple of Solomon being built on Mount Moriah as an home for the sacred words. One can see, in the mind's eye, Ezra the Scribe standing atop a high platform in the Second Temple's courtyard, displaying the words of Torah to the Jewish people gathered before him. One can see, in the mind's eye, the houses of study that gave us sages such as Hillel and Rabbi Akiva. One can see, in the mind's eye, the houses of worship that our ancestors built in all the lands of the diaspora; Babylonia, Persia, Spain, Poland, Russia, and America. One can see, in the mind's eye, our ancestors praying with piety, studying with fervor and passing along their most prized possession.

In the simple refrain, "I'm standing on the shoulders of the ones who came before me," Cotler captures an essential truth about the Jewish people and Jewish continuity. We, who enjoy the vibrancy of Jewish life today in our community, are able to do so because we stand on the shoulders of those who came before us. They planted, tended and nurtured a small congregation that began twenty-five years ago as B'nai Tikvah - The Children of Hope. They, too, stood on the shoulders of their predecessors, three small congregations. Like the three wicks of the havdallah candle that are woven together to form a single strong flame, so too, these three communities banded together to serve the needs of the local Jewish community.

For twenty-five years B'nai Tikvah has served the Jewish community and represented Jewish interests in the secular realm. Over the years, the congregation has been able to thrive and succeed by being blessed with dedicated lay leaders. Our twenty-fifth anniversary affords us a milestone moment from which to look back and recognize the achievements of the institution and its members. Our silver anniversary.

Now, as we celebrate the first twenty-five years of that tree that was planted in North and South Brunswick, we recognize, with appreciation, the link that was built to our past and the unfinished bridge to our future which they began but which we must continue.

*With blessings,
Rabbi David M. Eligberg*

STANDING ON THE SHOULDERS

By Lanny Cotler, Steve Cotler and Doug Cotler

In the garden there's a tree
Planted by someone who only imagined me
What love, what vision
I marvel at the gift
No fruit could be sweeter than this

I'm standing on the shoulders
Of the ones who came before me

As my people went from land to land
Something passed from hand to hand
And it isn't just the words and stories
Of the ancient laws and golden glories
It's the way we study
The Book we study
It's the way we study the way

I'm standing on the shoulders
Of the ones who came before me

Today my life is full of choice
Because a young man raised his voice
Because a young girl took a chance
I am freedom's inheritance
Years ago they crossed the sea
And they made a life that's come to me

I'm standing on the shoulders
Of the ones who came before me

So in the garden I'll plant a seed
A tree of life for you to read
The fruit will ripen in the sun
The words will sound when I am gone
These are the things I pass along
The fruit, the Book, and the song

I'm standing on the shoulders
Of the ones who came before me

Tu B'Shvat Seder

Monday, January 24th
Starting at 6pm

See the flyer in this issue of Hakol.

RABBI ELIGBERG, continued

15 Everyday Conservation Actions

Since the "Tu" in Tu B'Shvat stands for the 15th day of Shvat, we would like to offer 15 tree and water conservation tips.

1. **Dishtowels...the quicker picker upper.** Use dishtowels instead of paper towels for drying dishes and kitchen spills. Think how many paper towels you need to match the absorbency of only one dishtowel! Set up a simple system: one for spills, one for dishes, one for drying lettuce and other veggies.
2. **Think cloth napkins are only for formal dinners?** Think again! You can use cloth napkins for all your meals. Use them with a napkin ring to help identify users for repeated use. By the way...kids rarely use napkins in their school lunches, but if you give them one, they'll throw it away. A cloth napkin in a child's lunch box will most likely go unused, yet saved.
3. **Put Your Junk Mail to Work for You!** Instead of discarding junk mail, business mailings or any sheets of paper with only one side of use, use them again for writing drafts. Keep an in-box or recycling receptacle by your printer to hold sheets until you need them.
4. **Yo, Yo Wrap!** Save previously used wrapping paper and use it again. Or, use swatches of fabric, newspaper, reusable gift bags or a cloth sack for gifts. If you need to purchase new wrapping paper, make sure it's recycled.
5. **If it's Free, It's for Me!** Use toilet tissue and tissues with at least 50% "post consumer recycled content" free of dyes, perfumes and dioxin. (The process of bleaching paper to whiten it is responsible for creating the toxic substance, dioxin.) Stock up on handkerchiefs. Tip: Unused, vintage hankies are great finds in flea markets or antique shops!
6. **It's in the bag.** The cloth bag, that is. Keep cloth bags in your car, with your bicycle or by your front door for all your shopping needs instead of taking a paper bag, or plastic bags (made of non-renewable sources).
7. **The Three P's--Precycle, Practical, Preservation.** Buy items with little or no packaging or in bulk that you can stock in your own containers. Most stores carrying bulk items give money back for using your own bags or jars. Buy food in cardboard packaging that can be recycled or that has already been recycled (it's gray inside). Tip: Create file folders and post cards from used cereal boxes.
8. **Drink to Your Health.** Keep a commuter mug in your car, in your backpack, at your office for a fill up of your favorite beverage instead of taking a new paper cup.
9. **Wood That's Too Good (to waste).** Avoid items made from rain forest woods such as rosewood, mahogany, teak, or ebony.
10. **Be Cool.** Keep a bottle of cold water in the refrigerator instead of wasting water down the drain waiting for it to get cold.
11. **Don't Kick the Bucket.** Keep a bucket in your shower (or outside to collect rainwater). Transfer it over to watering cans or jugs to water your indoor and outdoor plants.
12. **Go With the Flow.** Take a shower instead of a bath and

buy a low-flow shower head and a sink aerator for your kitchen or bathroom faucet to conserve water. To find these items, contact your local hardware store or visit www.greenpages.org or the Real Goods catalog at www.realgoods.com to check out their products for a healthy home and planet.

13. **Dear John.** Use a jug filled with water or stones to take up space in the toilet tank or buy a special "toilet dam" so that less water is wasted. Or, conserve your flushes.

14. **Clean and Green.** Don't waste water down the drain while washing dishes. Fill the sink up instead. Turn off the water while brushing your teeth and washing your face.

15. **A Healthy Lunch box.** A reusable lunch box or cloth bag; a thermos; reusable storage containers, food that needs no packaging (e.g., fresh fruit) and a cloth napkin. Replace paper plates with reusables for picnics or casual meals.

by Barbara Lerman-Golomb
www.coejl.org

Tip: Remember, the energy conservation list, "8 Days, 8 Actions" on our Hanukkah web site, doesn't have to be tucked away with the chanukiah. Any night is perfect for a candlelight dinner. And actions such as skipping a car trip, lowering your thermostat or replacing a regular bulb with a compact fluorescent bulb are always worth the effort.

SHABBAT SHIRAH SERVICE

January 22

Sisterhood

will lead the congregation in
Mincha/Maariv Services

The Sons of Tikvah
will be performing.

Join us for praying, eating,
dancing and singing.

Complete details were not available at press time. See the flyer in this issue of Hakol for details, or call the office, or check the CBT E-mail Newsletter

OUR HAZZAN'S VOICE

Cantor Bruce Rockman

How do you say thank you? You say thank you with humility, conviction and sincerity. You say thank you because someone made your life better or easier. You say thank you out of admiration. You say thanks a lot because it is nice and proper to recognize a person's effort on your behalf. It is appropriate to show your appreciation for many more reasons.

The work that our congregants do for each other is that kind of effort that deserves appreciation. What do you think motivates all of our volunteers at B'nai Tikvah? Do you think that the effort is for recognition? Let's be honest. The answer is....of course a resounding no!

Our workforce does not volunteer for recognition. Yet showing our heartfelt gratitude to one another is appreciated and is appropriately expected. Does this sound confusing? People need recognition, it nourishes and encourages us. We all need to know that people recognize our effort; I believe that this is human nature. Giving thanks should be real and not contrived and receiving thanks should be accepted with warmth and humility.

Most of all, we give our deepest gratitude to God, for all of our opportunities. Our belief in is at the root of all we do. We are trying to do God's work, attempting to build a better world.

Thank you, thank you, and thank you, to all of you for your effort, for your participation and for your contributions. We need you, to succeed and to assure that what we do is

meaningful and relevant.

As in most volunteer organizations, a small percentage of the groups do most of the work. Let it be known that you are appreciated. I hope there is neither resentment from those who do the work nor any from those who are not involved. It's strange and you know what I mean. Give what you can with appreciation and a smile. Work hard for your synagogue, as long as you are not neglecting your family. Our spiritual bond and our relationship with God improves as we do this holy work. Your sweat, effort and contributions are your equity in the legacy of the Jewish people.

Work hard, our future depends on it. You are appreciated and remember, the work we do helps so many who depend on you. Thank God.

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

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THANKS TO OUR CHANUKAH PARTY SPONSORS

The Religious Activities Committee would like to thank the following families for co-sponsoring the Chanukah party last month:

The Saffer family

The Sherman family (Mark and Brenda)

The Waksman family

The Safer family

The Warner family

Special thank you to Tammi Zimmerman and her committee for coordinating the feast that was served at the Chanukah party and for collecting the toys, which were donated to a local hospital.

Learn to Read Hebrew

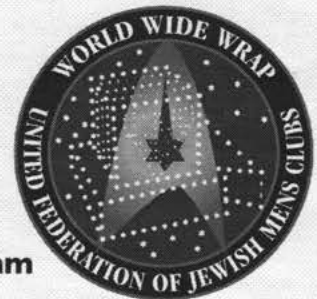
**Six consecutive Thursday evenings.
Classes begin on February 3rd.**

Register early by calling the synagogue office or contact Larry.Cohen@BnaiTikvah.org

RESISTANCE IS FUTILE.

You will join us
at the
World Wide Wrap.

**Sunday Morning,
February 6th, 9:00 am**



Your only defense is to put on your tefillin with our Men's club and Jewish men throughout the galaxy. Come celebrate the mitzvah of tefillin with us. For further info contact Ed "Wrapmaster" Birch 732-821-6201 or edbirch51@comcast.net

Visit the website! www.WorldWideWrap.org

HAKOL

The Newsletter of
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**All Submissions for the
 February HAKOL
 must be in before
 Shabbat on January 15**

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

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.

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ADVERTISING INFO

Tammy Zimmerman: 732-398-1420

ADULT EDUCATION

Wednesday Nights: Start your Adult-Ed evening by joining us for minyan at 7:30 pm. Refreshments follow. Adult-Ed presentations begin promptly at 8:00 pm. RSVP to 732-297-0696 or AdultEd@BnaiTikvah.org

Come to Wednesday Adult-Ed and still see your favorite TV shows. A DVD/VHS copy will be delivered to your home the next day.—Gary Bergman

January 5: It's all in our Genes

An informal talk about inherited genetic diseases prevalent in people of Ashkenazi Jewish ancestry. Learn about diseases such as Gaucher, Tay-Sachs, Niemann-Pick, and others.

Carrier frequencies in Ashkenazi Jews average 1 in 30 for Tay-Sachs and 1 in 12 for Gaucher disease.

Dr. Hilary Tinkel Vernon has a BA in Biochemistry from the University of Pennsylvania, an MD from Robert Wood Johnson Medical School/UMDNJ, and a Ph.D. in Molecular Genetics from Rutgers University. She has trained at multiple institutions including the National Human Genome Institute at the National Institutes of Health, the National Institute for Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases at the National Institutes of Health, the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. She is currently conducting research on the genetics of kidney stone disease and the genetics of Tourette Syndrome at Rutgers University.

January 19: American Jewish Popular Culture

- Dynamics of Yiddish Culture
- Responses to Anti-Semitism
- Evolution of Popular Religion
- Jews in America's Public Sphere



Dr. Jeffrey Shandler, Ph.D. in Yiddish Studies from Columbia University, has written several books and lectured widely on modern Yiddish culture, American responses to the Holocaust, and the role that broadcasting, film, photography, and other media play in modern Jewish life.

His translations of Yiddish literature have been aired on National Public Radio and published in "The Forward". Dr. Shandler has curated exhibitions for The Jewish Museum in New York, the National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia, and the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research.

Dr. Shandler, a scholar of modern Jewish culture, is an assistant professor in the Department of Jewish Studies at Rutgers University and acting director of the Al-len and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life at Rutgers during the 2004-2005 academic year. He has been a visiting scholar at the Center for Religion and Media at New York University and has taught at the Jewish Theological Seminary, Tel Aviv University, and Vassar College.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Arie Behar

The history of the Jewish community in China is unusual, but a story worth telling. At one time, China had a large and prosperous Jewish community. The Chinese measured success by who passed the Emperor's Test and the students who achieved the highest scores on this test were rewarded. For the most part, the Jewish students scored high on the test. Their parents wanted them to succeed in the Chinese secular world more than in the Jewish world. The end result, after many generations, was that there were very successful Chinese people whose grandparents and great-grandparents were Jewish but today, there is a very small Jewish community in China.

Quite often, I have been asked by friends and family why I spend so much time and effort working as the President of the Temple and for other Jewish causes. The simple answer is that I believe in Jewish continuity and in Jewish traditions. Without this effort, I would have only myself to blame if this continuity was not expanded to my family and the people that

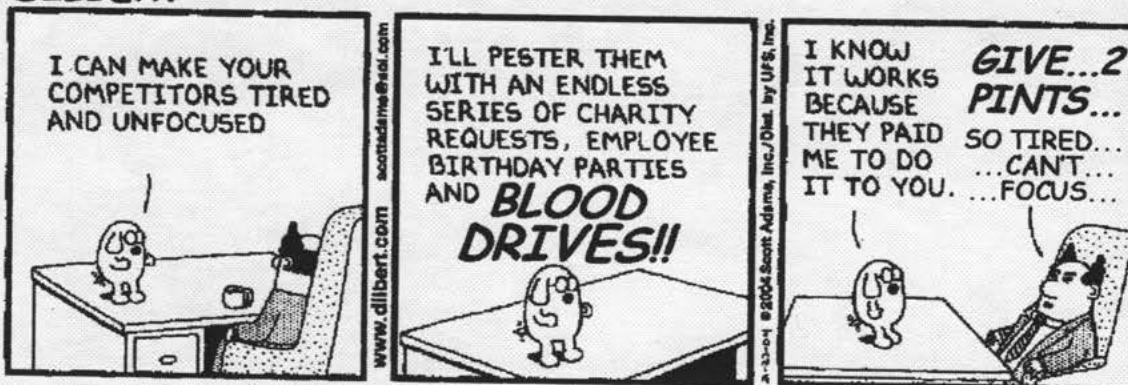
I care for. I do what I do because I want to set an example for my children. They can choose to be whatever they want, but they will always remember that they grew up in a house where Jewish continuity was prominent, and I hope this will influence their future decisions.

For many generations, Jews struggled to maintain their identity and we have survived through the Inquisition, pogroms, and the Holocaust. Somehow, we survived the worst yet we struggle in times of prosperity. The statistics show that Jews survived and maintained their identity longer during difficult times than in good times. The reason for that is that when we prosper, we want to excel in the secular world but not in the Jewish world. I think that excelling in a secular world and forgetting what brings us all together in the first place will be the end of us. The challenge is to find ways to succeed in both worlds, and not to mutually exclude either one.

We are people with a mission. I like to compare ourselves to runners in a relay race - we've got the baton and it's our decision to hand it over to the next runner or just drop it and say we are not interested in this race anymore. This decision is entirely ours, and there are consequences to every decision we make. There are many ways of maintaining your Jewish identity - religious, social, cultural - and many opportunities here at our Jewish Community Center for doing so. It's up to us to make use of them and lead our families by example.

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BOARD AND VP REPORTS

From December, 2004 Board Meeting

VP Activities Gary Bergman

Social Action: The response has been relatively poor this year for the "Needy Family Program". But, in spite of that, we were able to provide some basic needs to over twelve families in the New Brunswick area.

The clothing drive for the "Clothesline for Homeless" organization was a huge success largely due to the efforts of Laura Waksman, who was in charge, with the help of Jennifer Shapiro & Jodee Gryn. Ongoing programs include the Mitzvah Crib (which is in the lobby) and, we are still taking donations of cell phones for the "Women's Aware" program. Janice Baer is stepping down from the committee and has offered to train and assist anyone who is willing to take over at the January 24th meeting.

Adult Education: This month the Rabbi is conducting classes on the life and works of Maimonides. In January we will have an evening seminar on Jewish Genetics conducted by Dr. Hilary Tinkel. We also have a very exciting presentation planned on January 19 by Dr. Jeff Shandler who will talk about Jews in Entertainment. Later in the year we'll have a return engagement by Dr. Azzan Yadin who will give a lively discussion (with text) on the origins of Christianity and Judaism. Our own Larry Cohen will conduct a 6 week course on learning to read Hebrew and Jeff Schwartz offered to provide lessons on a topic of interest in February. The schedule will be posted on the website as it develops.

Blood Drive: Our semi-annual blood drive is scheduled for January 30. Even though B'nai Tikvah draws a higher percentage than the national average, thanks to the efforts of Marty Engel, we could all use your help.

Website/Communications: There are over 330 families now receiving the weekly email announcements.

Recreation Committee: We have a functioning committee chaired by Steve Juro. If you are interested, in helping to plan events for the new wing, please contact him at Steve.Juro@BnaiTikvah.org or 732-438-0968.

Hakol: Kudos to Paul & Nancy Zankel for continuing to provide us with a first class publication.

VP Membership Cindy Gittleman

Welcomed Members: We have welcomed 24 families to B'nai Tikvah since January 2004.

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.

Prospect List: Membership keeps an active up-to-date

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A MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

Cindy Gittleman, V.P. Membership

Celebrating 25 years of Richness in Jewish Life and Community

The calendar flips
Another year put to bed
So we hope and we pray
for health and happiness ahead

2005

What will it bring?
New friendships to blossom?
New songs to sing?

For B'nai Tikvah

The answer is easy to hold
This year brings celebration
A simcha to unfold

25 years

of silver richness
for a community whose spirit
is nothing less

This year will be festive
Of that you can be sure
And it's your B'nai Tikvah family
who holds the key to this door

We are a community together
rich in memories to share
Happy Anniversary B'nai Tikvah
25 years... we're there!



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**

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

There was a Bat Mitzvah in progress when I attended a recent Shabbat service at B'nai Tikvah. As I stood in the side aisle waiting for the Torah procession to pass, I noticed that the man standing next to me was not wearing a tallit. Guessing (correctly for a change) that the gentleman was not Jewish, I asked him if he would like some help navigating through the service. I received a smiling yes. The tall elegant young man was a Catholic friend of the Bat Mitzvah family, and had been politely rising and sitting, in sync with the actions of the congregation, but having no clue as to what was going on.

When I saw him reach out and tentatively touch the Torah as it passed, I felt that I would be remiss if I did not reach out to touch him. We sat down together, I handed him a Chumash and we both turned to the page announced. As it turned out, he had read the "Old Testament", and was familiar with the passages of the parshah. On returning to the Siddur, I showed him how to follow the rest of the service in English.

We met again in the lobby as I was leaving, and he thanked me with a broad grin. My small effort had changed what would have been a long bore for him into an interesting learning experience. I understand that some of us are reluctant to approach a stranger and take the risk of embarrassment or imposition, but I can't think of an easier or more satisfying way to turn a stranger into a friend.

Keep an eye out for the man without a tallit. He may be looking for a friend.

Aaron Rosloff

FEBRUARY 19, 2005

The 3rd Annual
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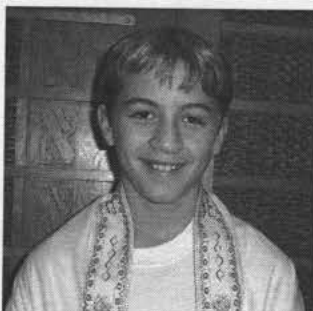
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or see the flyer in this month's Hakol
for more information.*

JANUARY B'NAI MITZVAH



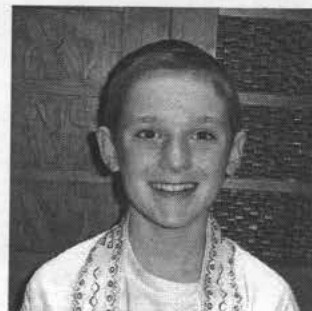
Brian Saffer
Jan. 8

Steve & Linda Saffer



Benjamin Woller
Jan. 15

Alan & Terri Woller



Elliot Cohen
Jan. 29

Larry & Dorothy Cohen

CORRECTION: In the December Hakol, Zachary Davis' and Kyle Morse's B'nai Mitzvah photos were accidentally transposed. The Hakol editors apologize to both families for this error, and wish them Mazel Tov on their B'nai Mitzvah.

ISRAEL TASKFORCE

Alan Kane, Chairperson



Announcing the B'nai Tikvah Young Ambassadors Program

Here we are, in the cold dark days of winter. At this time of year the world seems dormant, the trees are barren, the grass has stopped growing, snow is in the forecast and the sun travels across the sky in a short low arc. But spring is actually just around the corner and the Israel Youth Exchange Committee has been hard at work planning an exciting new program.

“So far, the B'nai Tikvah Israel Exchange Program has been operating in only one direction. That is, the Israeli teens come here but our teens have not made a reciprocal visit. That is about to change.”

For each of the last four years, B'nai Tikvah has had the privilege of hosting a group of Israeli teens from the town of Ramla. They stayed in the homes of our members, participated in synagogue services, and traveled around our area, soaking up the sights, sounds and culture of America. For many of them, this was their first trip away from home and they discovered as much about themselves as they did about us. They went back home with their horizons broadened and warm connections to new found friends. I hadn't really understood what the program meant to them and their families until a group of our congregants visited them a couple of weeks after they returned home. The town rolled out the red carpet for us, and our hosts treated us like long lost family. Our tour of Israel was fantastic and the friendships we developed made it that much more meaningful. The experience broadened our horizons too, something you wouldn't necessarily expect in a group of adults ranging in age from 48 to 70!

This year, we will again be hosting approximately fifteen Israelis. Their school break is over Passover and we expect them to arrive around April 20th.

We are looking forward to another successful program. So far, the B'nai Tikvah Israel Exchange Program has been operating in only one direction. That is, the Israeli teens come here but our teens have not made a reciprocal visit. That is about to change.

We are please to announce the creation of the B'nai Tikvah Young Ambassadors Program. The program will be open to teens in grades 9 through 12 and the trip to Israel will occur during the spring breaks for both North and South

Brunswick; March 25 through April 3, 2005. We are planning an exciting itinerary geared to the interests and needs of this age group. The program will be both fun and educational; a great way to celebrate Purim and the beginning of spring. If you think your teenager would benefit from participating in the Young Ambassadors Program, please give me, Alan Kane, a call at 732-418-1913 or email Alan.Kane@bnaitikvah.org.

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS

Ann Kanarek, Director

How would we define successful

Jewish education? We could say that it is the process that teaches skills and concepts, and sets in motion a lifetime of Jewish study. Before we get to this point though, we must be able to give our youngest students a happy experience where they will develop pleasant memories and associations with things Jewish.

Curriculum is more than a listing of courses and books. It's also a philosophy and approach to Judaism. At B'nai Tikvah, we work to provide a friendly, warm, and positive environment in which we can nurture our children's natural curiosity and enthusiasm for Jewish learning. The curriculum is crucial, but most important is the way our children feel about being here and learning here. We seek to give our students the gift of their Jewish heritage so that they will have a fascination with Jewish holidays and life cycle events and a passion for looking at the world Jewishly.

As Jews, we are united in our commitment to God, Torah, and Israel—both the people and the country—and are bound to each other by common values, language, stories, music, food, and traditions. Because we want to give our children a foundation for Jewish life and an identity that will last their whole lives, our teachers bring all of this into the classroom. With our enthusiasm and love of everything Jewish, we make Judaism come alive for our children.

WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS

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

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL JANUARY REMINDERS

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-12:05pm. Parents are invited.

Sunday, January 16: **NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**, *Professional Growth Day*

Monday January 17: **NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**, *Martin Luther King Day*

Sunday, January 23: Bet PACT Program: *Family God Talk*

Sunday, January 30: Grades 5-7 and Chai School Special Program with Theatre Ariel: *350 years of American Jewish History*

Sunday, February 6: Gimel Class PACT Program: *Tzedakah and the Giraffe Connection*

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NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Fran Pearson, Director

This January our nursery school begins its 30th anniversary... and our students continue to be filled with enthusiasm and excitement as they continue their learning adventures this month.

Pre-K Students Celebrate Shabbat

Pre-K students will be working on a Shabbat unit. The children will make Shabbat books to bring home. They will make Kiddush cups, challah covers and candle holders to use at home on Shabbat. The children will be exposed to many books such as *Sammy the Spider's First Shabbat*. The unit will be concluded when parents are invited to help celebrate Shabbat in the Pre-K classroom.

Three-Year Old Classes will Participate in a "Dinosaur Dig" Program

Our students will all become paleontologists and learn about fossils when we have our Dinosaur Program on Friday, January 14th. In this exciting program, our children will learn where the dinosaurs lived, what they ate and how we know they even existed. The children will examine old fossils and will make their own fossils to take home. They will also participate in a dig for "fossil remains" of a mystery dinosaur.

Congratulations to our Toddler Fun Club Graduates and their Families

This December, seven Toddler Fun Club students are graduating. They will all be entering our new 2 ½ year old class this January. The students will all have a little graduation celebration and will be receiving Toddler Fun Club diplomas and small gifts. Congratulations to:

Shayna Denlow	Alex Fernandez
Marie Mauro	Benjamin Reichbart
Samantha Resnick	Scott Rubin
Mason Smoller	

Mommy & Me Registration

Registration for our Mommy & Me and Toddler Fun Club is now taking place. Meet new friends while your little one has lots of fun! All temple members receive discounted tuition. Registration packets are available in the nursery school



TOT SHABBAT

January 8th

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

Nursery School Open House Wednesday, February 9th 9:30-11:00 am

We are inviting friends, neighbors and prospective families who have age appropriate children to come and take a tour of our nursery school. They will be given the opportunity to see first-hand the wonderful learning activities that are taking place in our classrooms.

This is also a good opportunity for nursery school families that are considering joining Congregation B'Nai Tikvah to learn about membership.

Nursery School Registration for 2005-2006 Begins Jan. 31

Registration for the 2005-2006 school year will begin on Thursday, January 31st. Synagogue members will receive priority registration and tuition discounts.

NURSERY SCHOOL JANUARY CALENDAR

Monday, January 3: SCHOOL REOPENS

January 10: 3s Parent/Teacher Conferences

January 12: 3s Parent/Teacher Conferences

January 14: Dinosaur Program

January 17: School Closed (Martin Luther King's Birthday)

January 18: Pre-K Parent/Teacher Conferences

January 20: Pre-K Parent/Teacher Conferences

January 25: Solomon Schechter Day School will present Tu B'Shevat Program (10:30-11:00 am)

January 31: Registration for 2005-2006 School Year

February 1: 2s Parent/Teacher Conferences

February 3: 2s Parent/Teacher Conferences

February 8: Stellar Space Program/Pre-K

February 9: Nursery School Open House

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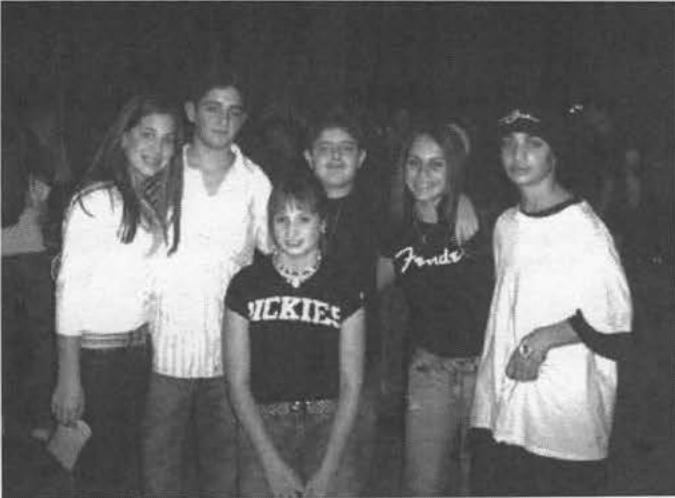
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Adam Sackett, Advisor

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Kadimanics Enjoying the Dance on November 20

Dance Update: \$665 was raised to donate to the Kadima charity, Yad B'Yad. 165 Kadima members in the Hagalil region attended. On top of the \$6 cost for the dance, money was also raised through a raffle and candy sales. 21 parents helped throughout the event including a number of the 6th grade Kadima members' parents.

Membership: We are currently at 52 members, 2003-2004 we ended at 50 members. On November 20, we hosted the Regional Kadima Dance: 32 of our members attended.

January events:

January 13: Tu B'shvat themed Scavenger Hunt at Menlo Park Mall.

January 23: Regional Kadima Fun Day, Brick, NJ

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As the winter months set in for a while, N/S Brunswick USY continues to show dedication in our chapter meetings and spirit. We celebrated with our annual Chanukah party and held the very first Noah's Night with which we learned about Israel and the U.S connecting. Programs can't get too much better! Hope you enjoy the weather and we wish everyone a happy Chanukah and hope that they keep in mind those less fortunate than us.

Jason Marx

V.P. Communications 2004-2005

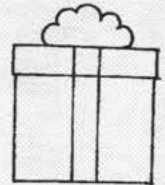
THANKS FROM THE COLLEGE COMMITTEE

I would like to say Todah Rabah (Muchas gracias) to the following people who helped put together and mail out the college Chanukah packages. I truly appreciate the help. We sent out 40 packages and only spent an hour filling, sealing and labeling them.

Special thanks to: Adrienne Ross (who also helped me do the shopping), Maxine Kasdin, Toby Ehrlich, Ronnie Levine, and Alex and Phil Welsher. Our next endeavor is Purim which occurs this year in late March.

Thanks again!

Marcia A. Schwartz



FAMILY SHABBAT

January 21

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. .

CBT Celebrates 25th Anniversary!

On **March 12, 2005**, Congregation B'nai Tikvah is hosting a dinner dance celebrating the Synagogue's 25th anniversary and is honoring the past presidents that made it possible.

Sit down dinner and dancing....No tuxedos please!

New Wing celebration March 13, 2005

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B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

Sisterhood

Jan. 22- Sisterhood will lead the congregation in Mincha/ Maariv services. Join us for praying, eating, dancing and singing. Sons of Tikvah will be performing. See the flyer in this month's Hakol for more info.

Jan. 23- Join us for a visit to Somerbrook. Enjoy a delicious Kosher brunch, a tour of the facility and a speaker. We will leave the temple at 10:00AM.

Feb. 13 - Joint meeting of Men's Club and Sisterhood.

April 10 -Mah Jongg Tournament. Anyone wishing to purchase a Mah Jongg card contact Fern Kartonetsky at f.katronetsky@ieeee.org.

Don't forget it is almost time to order your Purim baskets. If you want to volunteer to help at any of our fundraisers contact Linda Feinstein at Lindapage@comcast.net or 732 329-3185. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

DONATIONS SOUGHT FOR SILENT AUCTION AT "RAISE OUR VOICES FOR ISRAEL"

On February 19, 2005 an important event will be taking place at B'nai Tikvah to benefit Victims of Terror in Israel. "Raise Our Voices For Israel III" is a concert which will feature many talented performers. A large number of Organizations throughout Middlesex County are supporting and will be attending this event. 100% of the money raised will be donated to causes in Israel.

We are currently asking for items for our limited silent auction. The proceeds will greatly enhance the contribution we can make to Israel. Working together, we know we can make a difference.

To make a donation or to ask a question, please contact co-chairs Tammy Zimmerman (732)398-1420 or Jodi Marcou (732/422-6628). All contributions are tax-deductible. Thank you for your support.

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From The Webmaster

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If you are the appointed contact person of a B'nai Tikvah group, committee, or activity, you probably already have an alias. To view the ones allocated, go to the "Communications" section of our website and click "Vanity Addresses". If you have any questions or can't figure out the password, just give me a call.

Tips For Windows Users

A few weeks ago I made a presentation to the Men's Club on the topic of "Crashing Your Computer (how not to)". Links to the free programs I spoke of, in addition to others I didn't have time for, are now posted on our website. For these and other tips, go to the "Contact Us" link and page down towards the bottom and click "Webmaster".

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SOCIAL ACTION THANKS "CLOTHESLINE BUS" VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS

It was so rewarding to be involved with The Clothesline Bus, Social Action's October and November Tzedakah project, that we are committed to participating again next year.

The response by the congregation to the collecting and sorting was wonderful. I was so thrilled to see all the lovely warm winter coats in all sizes. A very belated thank you to those who worked for hours sorting clothing: The Chai school students, Linda and Josh Kohn, Janice Baer, Andrea Katz, Ellyn Schneider, Amy Smith, Jennifer and Rebecca Shapiro, Dorothy and Margot Cohen Ada Gutman, Jodie Garyn, Teresa Samtur, Mae Rubinstein, and Lou Anne Wolf. I apologize if I have left anyone out.

Jodie Garyn, Jennifer Shapiro and I took part in admittedly, the most difficult phase of the project, the distribution of the clothing and toys in front of Elijah's Promise Soup Kitchen in New Brunswick. For the three of us, the experience was most humbling.

The images that stay in my mind are an eight year old boy, and two women. I helped the boy, my son's age, pick out a toy from a small bin with mostly infant toys. He was so eager to find something, and all the while I was thinking that my son would walk away from this selection instantly. He was content to take a fishing game which I wouldn't give to a child over five, and said "Thank you" with a smile. There was the woman who got on the bus with an excited expression on her face and quickly asked if we had any dresses. When she was told "no", instead of disappointment, she happily looked at the other items available to her. It was close to 5:00 P. M. when the distribution was winding down and a woman got on the bus and asked if we had any soap left. I was not aware that a container with small hotel type bar soaps was kept at the front of the bus. When the response she got was "no", the expression on her face made my heart sink.

Over two hundred people were helped on that cold November afternoon. Think about the roof over your head, a bar of soap in your shower, a simple toy, and a warm coat this winter. Think also about committing yourself to Gemilut Chasadim- acts of loving kindness. Yes, the prospect of volunteering in a nursing home, hospital, or with the homeless can be unsettling. That is because it reminds us that we are vulnerable to illness, and financial and other crises. I guarantee you that the rewards for this kind of work are priceless, not to mention the example you set for your children.

Please join us on the fourth Monday evening of the month after Minyan. I look forward to meeting you and working together to make a difference.

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Laura Waksman

B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

SOCIAL ACTION

Thanks to all those who participated in the "Help a Needy Family for the Holidays" program. Because of your time and generosity, 12 families will approach the New Year with many of the basic resources most of us take for granted. A special thanks to Jennifer Shapiro and Andrea Katz for all their time and effort in making this a successful program.

Thanks to all those who donated clothing for the ClothesLine. Thanks to all those who helped sort and size the clothing. Thanks to Laura Waksman for heading this successful clothing drive. A special thanks to Laura, Jennifer Shapiro and Jodee Garyn for giving up their Sunday afternoon to distribute clothing on the bus to homeless people in New Brunswick.

Social Action Committee meets the fourth Monday evening of every month after Minyan.

Food of the Month:

January

Cereal and Parmalat

February:

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Abramson on the birth of our new granddaughter Miriam
Chana
Joyce and Leonard Mandelblatt, in honor of the birth of
Miriam Chana
Madeline Gaynor, in honor of the birth of Rabbi and Jodi Eligberg's
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his warmth and guidance during Amy's grandfather, Max Diamond's
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Marilyn and Stephen Breitkopf, in honor of the birth of Rabbi and Jodi Eligberg's daughter Miriam Chana

The Harkavy Family, in memory of Murray Horowitz (father of Amy Smith)

Ritual Fund:

Library Fund:

Ann and Sam Rosenzweig, in honor of the birth of Miriam Chana Eligberg. May she be a great reader!

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BOARD AND VP REPORTS

From the November, 2004 Board of Trustees Meeting

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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's Report 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	75%
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	90%
9. Miscellaneous iron work	90%
10. Ceilings	40%
11. Bathroom partitions	0%
on order, 4 week lead time	
12. Flooring (except MP room)	0%
no contract, 3 bids	
13. MP room flooring	0%
14. Painting	50%
15. MP Room door	0%
16. Classroom accordion door	20%

17. Barrier free lift	0%
18. Gas line	0%
no contract, 1 bid	
19. Basketball hoops	100%

A few anticipated extras which were not budgeted by Grant:

1. Acoustic partition above multi purpose room ceiling at door.

A few anticipated extras due to other reasons;

2. Installation of masonry walls at MP room diving doors.

As far as the schedule goes, completing the interior steel stud work and dry-wall is almost complete and has been taped, spackled and is in the process of being painted. The interior doors have been installed in most places and are in the process of being stained.. The plumbing rough in is completed.. 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 track for the accordion door in the classroom area has been installed. The railings and ladders on the roof have been installed along with the steel stairs to the stage.

We are continuing the legal process against the original contractor.

Feedback Committee: The committee is in the process of developing a "Mission Statement" for its operation to be presented to the Board for approval. Any BOT members who have suggestions should forward them to Mark Roller.

VP School and Youth

Harold Schneider

Kadima: On November 20, we had over 165 Kadima members from throughout NJ, as well as 32 of our chapter members, attend the Kadima Regional Dance at B'nai Tikvah. \$665 was raised to donate to the Kadima charity Yad B'Yad. On December 14, Kadima will be helping with the set up and cleaning for our congregation's Chanukah Party.

USY: The Membership Dance is December 11th in Ocean. USYers will also be helping out at the congregation Chanukah Party on December 14. Melissa Feldman is the new USY Freshman rep. Our USY advisor Audra has an opportunity for children who want to devote a few hours a week to community service.

College Committee: On November 30th, over 40 packages were sent out to College students, an increase of 11 packages from last year.

Nursery School: Our Nursery School will be celebrating its 30th anniversary in January! There will be a Holiday Party for pre-K and three's on Wednesday, December 8th, and for two's and Toddler Fun Club on Thursday, December 9th. Mommy and Me registration for the class starting in January will begin on Monday, December 13th. An enrichment program, Rhymes & Rainbows, will begin in January for students in the two-and-half year old class.

Religious School: On Sunday, December 12, there will be a special Chanukah program with Cowboy Roy, with magic, music, and puppets. The program is for children in Kindergarten through

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BOARD AND VP REPORTS

From the December, 2004 Board of Trustees Meeting

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Gimel.

The Religious School's annual Wall of Flame fundraiser is in progress.

VP Ways and Means Mark Sherman

Supermarket Scrip & Retail Scrip: Revenues ending 11/04 is \$62,120.00 and profit was about \$1,686.37 to synagogue. The synagogue was without Shop-Rite scrip for three weeks. This was related to cash flow and that Shop-Rite changed to plastic cards. The cards will be good news going forward. There will be a flyer every month in the Hakol to let people sign off on not taking the credit for dues. Mark Dillman will be reporting on the reconciliation from year ending 7/31/04.

The Event: I have asked Gary Warner to head up our fund raiser which will take place on March 12, 2005.

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 a program to take car donations. 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. Please let me know what you think of the ad. We have received about 5 donations over the last month or so. There has been a change in the tax ruling on car donation that should not impact our revenues.

Entertainment books: We have started selling books. We have in stock Middlesex Mercer, and Monmouth counties. They sell for \$30.00. We can special order any other book. We have sold about 85 books. Please continue to support this cause. Barry Safeer says we are on track to sell about 110 books. Remember you need to buy them by December 31, 2004.

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20 Tevet

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2 21 Tevet No Religious School	3 22 Tevet Schools Resume Board of Directors	4 23 Tevet	5 24 Tevet Torah Lishma / Adult Ed Jewish Genetics	6 25 Tevet USY Meeting	7 26 Tevet	8 27 Tevet Bar Mitzvah: Brian Saffer Tot Shabbat Bowling League
9 28 Tevet Kindergarten PACT Men's Club	10 29 Tevet Sisterhood Board	11 1 Sh'vat 50+ Board Meeting New Beginnings ROSH CHODESH	12 2 Sh'vat Torah Lishma / Adult Ed	13 3 Sh'vat	14 4 Sh'vat Birthday Shabbat	15 5 Sh'vat Bar Mitzvah: Benjamin Woller
16 6 Sh'vat No Religious School	17 7 Sh'vat Office & Schools Closed School Committee MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	18 8 Sh'vat	19 9 Sh'vat Torah Lishma / Adult Ed Jeff Shandler	20 10 Sh'vat USY Meeting	21 12 Sh'vat Family Shabbat Service SSDS-RV Shabbat	22 13 Sh'vat SHABBAT SHIRAH
23 13 Sh'vat	24 14 Sh'vat Tu B'Shevat Seder	25 15 Sh'vat	26 16 Sh'vat	27 17 Sh'vat	28 18 Sh'vat	29 19 Sh'vat Bar Mitzvah: Elliot Cohen
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