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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES FOR ALL
AGES WITH COMMITMENT TO
ISRAEL AND JEWISH
COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE
WORLD.

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"RAISE OUR VOICES FOR ISRAEL III" A BIG SUCCESS!!

The Sons of Tikvah play to a packed house on February 19th during "Raise our Voices for Israel", the annual Jewish Federation event raising funds for Israel. Hosted this year at B'nai Tikvah, where many participants were dancing throughout the room shortly after this photo was taken. See Cantor Rockman's comments on Page 3. Photo by Paul Zankel.

**B'nai Tikvah
Celebrates
25 Years**

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Dinner in
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RABBI ELIGBERG SPEAKS

CELEBRATE PURIM WITH FLAIR

Purim is celebrated on the 14th of Adar, the day after the great battle described at the end of the Book of Esther. In Jerusalem, Purim is celebrated the next day, the 15th. This is because it was (and remains) a walled city just like the city of Shushan in which these events unfold. The Jews of Shushan had to defend themselves for an additional day before they were able to celebrate their redemption.

The carnival spirit rules on Purim. Everyone is expected to make this day one of general merriment. Costumes and masks, games and activities all help create a feeling of gaiety and celebration.

There are four Mitzvot associated with Purim:

1. Reading Megillat Esther (The Scroll of Esther) out loud: The Megillah (Scroll of Esther) is read in the synagogue at the evening and morning service of Purim. It is the custom to use Noisemakers (Graggers) during this reading. Every time Haman's name is mentioned, people use the Graggers to drown out mention of his name.

2. Rejoicing and Having a Festive Meal: What's a holiday without food? It is customary to have a Seudat Purim, a festive meal beginning late in the afternoon of Purim. To add to the joyous nature of the holiday people compose silly songs, prepare plays loosely based on the Purim narrative, write parodies of kiddush and other prayers and indulge their funny bones.

A three-cornered Purim delicacy known as "Hamantash" is, according to custom eaten on Purim. The "Hamantash", a German word meaning "Haman Pocket" is usually filled with poppy seeds, dates, nuts, raisins, jams, chocolate chips or prunes.

3. Mishloach Manot, Giving Gifts of Food: Also called "Shalach Manot", it is the practice to emulate the Jews of the days of Esther who after their redemption exchanged gifts of food. It is traditional to give foods that require no further preparation such as Hamantashen, dried fruits, nuts, and candies.

4. Matanot La-eyyonim, Giving to the Poor: A special remembrance of the poor is customary on Purim. On an occasion of joy it is but natural that we should share our happiness with others. It is noteworthy that this mitzvah was so important that even the poor were required to give to those less fortunate than themselves.

Ten Moments in Jewish History For The Month of Adar

Adar 3 The building of the second Temple of Jerusalem was completed in 515 B.C.E.

Adar 6 The first printed edition of the complete Pentateuch, with vowel signs, accents, Targum Onkelos (an Aramaic translation), and Rashi, was published in Bologna, on January 26, 1482.

Adar 7 The first Jewish Sunday School in the United States was opened in Philadelphia on March 4, 1838.

Adar 12 Dedication of the Temple built by King Herod the Great at Jerusalem, 19 B.C.E. (Zikhron Yemot Olam).

Adar 15 The first advertisement offering private Hebrew instruction in an American publication was inserted by Abraham Cohen in the Pennsylvania Packet on March 1, 1790.

Adar 17 Legal status was granted to the Jewish community of Spain on March 21, 1965, for the first time since the expulsion in 1492.

Adar 18 David Emmanuel the first Jewish governor of the United States was sworn in as governor of Georgia on March 3, 1801.

Adar 19 The capture of En-Gedi by Israel, on March 20, 1949, brought to a conclusion the military engagements of the War of Independence.

Adar 23 The Second Temple was dedicated in 516 B.C.E.

Adar 27 At a historic White House ceremony on March 26, 1979, Mr. Begin and Mr. Sadat signed a peace treaty.

Excerpted from Day by Day in Jewish History by Abraham P. Bloch.

SCHEDULE OF DAILY SERVICES

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

*As appropriate for the time of year

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

OUR HAZZAN'S VOICE

Cantor Bruce Rockman

...it's about fun!

"The rituals of Purim have much to teach us about children and religion, most especially about prayer. Through their surprise and delight at simple things, children speak their first prayer of utter joy--Wow! Hallelujah! (Praise God!) Instead of trying to force children into an adult prayer structure, the rituals of Purim teach children that prayer can involve movement, drama, story, and--most liberating of all--noise. About this carnival-like celebration, the Book of Esther says, "there was light and gladness, happiness and abundance." Purim is a day of feasting and merrymaking (and, for adults, a rare day where it's OK to toss back a few drinks). The psalmist writes, "Make a joyful noise to God." **Rabbi Sandy Sasso**

Purim is an important holiday, it is about redemption and religious freedom and tolerance, and, don't you agree, it's about fun!

Recently I was having a conversation with a couple of congregants about our summer camp experiences. The conversation was both nostalgic and enlightening. We had each attended the same, Hebrew speaking Zionist camp in the Pocono Mountains, Camp Massad Bet. "I wish I could go back to camp right now!" one of us said (she and I admitted that we had each driven back to check out the place). We swapped glorious memories and played Jewish geography. My sister and brothers all attended Massad, and as expected, our congregant, Shelly, was my sister's friend.

The point of bringing this up in conjunction with Purim is to illustrate how much fun we had growing up Jewish and why living a Jewish life is so enjoyable and fun for us now, as adults. We have incredible Jewish memories. It was our parents' foresight that we are so thankful for now. So many congregants do send their children to summer camps that offer a rich Jewish experience. Your children have so much to be grateful for and so much to look forward to.

As kids we didn't think about the benefits of our Jewish camp experience, just as our children don't think about their positive Jewish experience during our Purim celebration. Remember how you looked forward to see your summer friends and how much you missed them when you got home? Purim is the same. We look forward to dressing up, making so much noise that we can't hear Haman's name uttered, (among others). Carnivals and music by The Sons of Tikvah Band, every year Rabbi Eligberg surprises us with more fun than the year before. Purim plays, pageants, Popeye, Pluto, Mickey, Minnie and the Cat in the Hat, such great Jewish memories. Purim celebrations are the kind of Jewish experiences that your children will be able to share and shape their future.

So when you think about fun in your life, just like those great summer time memories, Purim may just be your cure for the winter blues. And who or what will that Rascally Rabbi dress up as this year? Don't miss out...it's about fun!!!

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

Raise Our Voices for Israel III at B'nai Tikvah Was the Best Ever!

Talk about fun! We raised over \$27,000 for victims of terror in Israel. Thank you to all who made the night a success. To our volunteers led by **Cindy Gittleman**, we couldn't have done it without you. Thank you for your kindness. **Ruth Anne Koenick** and **Bobbi Binder**, it wasn't easy, but you never panicked. Thanks for selling over 700 tickets. **Tammy Zimmerman** and **Jodi Marcou**, you guys are amazing, the silent auction put a cap on the night, and you are all so generous with your time and effort on behalf of our congregation and the Jewish community. To **Marty Angstreich**, **Larry Cohen** and **The Makehla**, you made us proud, your sound was beautiful, and to **The Sons of Tikvah Band**...you were pretty good (great)...but I'm biased. **Hadas**, you and your team helped make us shine. The building was beautiful, everything in the right place at the right time...I didn't even know you were there! Rabbi Eligberg, your friendship and sanity and advice during the planning was so appreciated. I can always count on you, and I do. Thank you. BR

It's a Shabbat Dinner!!



It's a Purim Feast!!

It's an Open Mike
Comedy Night!

It's.....

"Dinner in Disguise"

Friday Evening, March 25 6:30 pm

Shabbat Services following Dinner

See the flyer and registration form
enclosed in this issue of Hakol.

For further info or questions:

Joyce Gerbman

(732) 937- 5114 or gerbsfam@aol.com.

Please RSVP by March 11

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

ORIGINS OF JUDAISM AND CHRISTIANITY

A 4 session lecture series by our distinguished scholar-in-residence and author,

Professor Azzan Yadin Ph.D.

Began Wednesday, February 23rd, continues through March 16th

March 23: 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 Allen 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.

March 30th "Oedipus Wrecks" Film Screening and Discussion

"Oedipus Wrecks," a 1989 film by Woody Allen is about a guilt-ridden, middle-aged attorney who is reticent about his Jewish identity and whose life is made miserable by his embarrassing and manipulative mother. Deep down he wishes for her to just disappear. Instead, an unknown force grants his wish, only to make things worse.

Hosted by Helene Tinkel. We will view the film and an open, informal discussion will follow.

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The Newsletter of
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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
April HAKOL
must be in by March 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:

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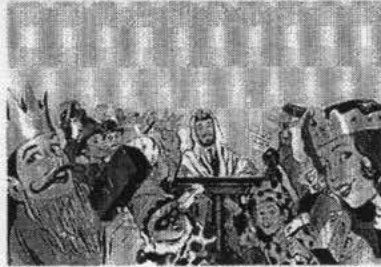
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ORDER FORMS & FLYERS: Contact the editors for info on distributing order forms and inserts with the HaKol mailing.

ADVERTISING INFO
Tammy Zimmerman: 732-398-1420

CELEBRATE PURIM:

Visit the Shushan Market Place



Located in the Social Hall of B'nai Tikvah

For Fun, Games, Face Painting and More

Market opens at 5:30pm on Thursday, March 24th

Market entrance fee: Totally free (what a bargain)

Pizza dinner will be provided at no charge

Ma'ariv/Megillah Reading will begin at 6:30pm

Interested in being a **co-sponsor** of these Purim festivities?
For just **\$10**, you can "purchase" part of the market place.
Contact Bobbi Binder @ 732-274-2797 or
Bobbi.Binder@bnaitikvah.org for more information



Everyone in costume will receive a special treat

BOARD AND VP REPORTS

From the February, 2005 Board Meeting

Dan Greenberg VP Administration

House & Grounds: General satisfaction has been expressed by many with responsiveness and quality of our snow removal service, which as you may remember is new this year. Please forward all comments – both positive and negative – to House & Grounds (Jeff Cadoff) or to VP Administration (Dan Greenberg). As we move into budget process, we will need to contract for next year and would appreciate the feedback.

Thanks to the hard work of Ben Shapiro, we were able to secure some gently used office furniture, which will be used to make the office look and function as a more professional environment. It will be installed upon completion of the Cantor's new office. Thank you letters will be sent to the company that donated the furniture; special thanks to Ben for locating, securing and obtaining everything.

Construction of the Cantor's new office (which is being carved out of the old youth lounge/library) continues. We expect that it will be done in the next 4 – 6 weeks.

Hadas has been able to secure pews that were being discarded from another synagogue. These pews will be permanently installed in our new chapel, which will be created out of the remainder of the old youth lounge/library space. We are looking for a team of volunteers willing to give up the better part of a Sunday to drive out to East Rockaway, Long Island (just past JFK airport), load approximately 15 sets of pews (each set is 4 – 5 seats) onto a truck, drive back to CBT, and unload them into the synagogue. Due to logistical issues, this expedition will be scheduled for sometime AFTER the new wing has been opened. Please let Jeff Cadoff or Dan Greenberg know if you are at all interested in helping out. Thanks to Hadas for getting hold of these!

As part of the new chapel, we are going to try to assemble a group of folks interested in designing and building (yes, building) a new ark for the chapel. Stay tuned for more details. Anybody interested please contact Jeff or Dan.

As anyone who has walked through the temple entrance in the past few weeks has no doubt noticed, the tiles installed by the caterer have become a severe hazard due to shifting of the concrete underneath. They have made arrangements for the tiles and underlying concrete to be removed in the next few days. Replacement material will be discussed at tonight's meeting.

In order to prevent unauthorized and unnecessary access to the school wing on Shabbat, the security door between the two wings will be automatically locked at 1PM each Saturday.

Budget: Our veteran budget wizards (Marty Abschutz & Marc Dillman) are gearing up to begin the process. The first meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 13th. COOPERATION OF ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRS, VP's, AND EVERYONE HOLDING LINE ITEM AUTHORITY IS ESSENTIAL. Please start thinking about your budgets NOW, and start getting ready to submit a clear, defensible request.

A MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

Cindy Gittleman, V.P. Membership

Matchmaker, Matchmaker, Make Me a Match...



Looking for the perfect Match?

BT's personal matchmaker will help you find the perfect "**Volunteering match**" here in the synagogue where you can feel a part of the family.

No match too tough to handle! Our matchmaker will "look through her book and make you the perfect match!" Contact Membership@bnaitikvah.org or call Cindy at 732-274-2253.

Décor: The Décor Committee has approved the caterer's request to drape the Social Hall at his own expense.

Religious Activities: Shabbat Shirah was a major disaster. Despite checking with the caterer as to availability of the date, somehow the program was planned for Saturday night at the same time that the caterer had an event booked. We are still not positive how that happened; they claim that our office messed up, we are sure that the blame can be laid at their feet. In order to prevent the conflict, we ended up canceling the Shabbat Shirah celebration, for which so many people had worked very hard. In any event, as it turns out, we would have had to cancel it anyway – that was the night of the major snowstorm (the party at the temple was cancelled also). In order to prevent a reoccurrence of the communication breakdown, we have instituted new coordination procedures between the caterer and the office. We are confident that the risk of a similar conflict in the future has been minimized.

The campaign to purchase the new Sim Shalom Siddurim is ongoing. The cost is \$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.

Personnel: We are still completing the job description for the part-time bookkeeper position. We now expect to have the position filled by March 1.

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JEWISH FEDERATION UPDATE

JEWISH FEDERATION SPRING CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 9: Professional Networking Program, 6:30-9 p.m., "Top 10 Tips for Tax Time" Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith, Ampers & Davis, 99 Wood Avenue, Metropark.

Thursday, March 10: Federation Phonathon, 6:30p.m.

Wednesday, March 16: Women's Division Winter Wednesday program, "True Colors," an art program with Rhoda Pochter, 7:30 p.m., at the home of Audrey Mondrow.

Monday, March 21: Jewish Federation Board Meeting featuring an Israel Advocacy Workshop, sponsored by the Israel Task Force, 8 p.m. Open to the community.

Tuesday, March 29: Israel Task Force Lecture Series, Part III, with Kenneth Jacobson and Martin Raffel, "Prospects for Peace," 8 p.m., Congregation Ohr Torah.

Wednesday, March 30: Federation Phonathon, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 10: Community-wide Walk for Israel, Johnson Park, Highland Park, 9 a.m.

Wednesday, May 4: Yom HaShoah Commemoration, Nicholas Music Center, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 19: Regency/Encore Federation Committee wine and cheese party.

Sunday, June 5: Clearbrook Federation brunch

Monday, June 6: Jewish Federation Annual Meeting

Monday, June 20: Jewish Federation Eshet Chayil program, DoubleTree Hotel, Somerset.

Visit www.jewishmiddlesex.org <<http://www.jfgmc.org/>> for the Community Calendar.

PUT YOUR BEST FOOT FORWARD

**For Israel and our Jewish Community at the
3rd Annual Walk for Israel
Sunday, April 10**

The Walk is Sponsored by the Israel Task Force of the Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County, area synagogues, federation family agencies and community organizations. The Family Walk and Jewish Community Celebration check-in will begin at 8:15 a.m., Grove Four in Johnson Park. A Solidarity Rally at 9:00 a.m. will kickoff the celebration as area synagogue rabbis once again lead us on the 4.45 mile WALK. Festivities will include music, food, face painting and lots of community spirit and pride. All participants will receive a Walk t-shirt while supplies least.

Proceeds collected from the Walk will benefit Israel. Registration fees are \$10 for a single walker and \$25 for three or more immediate family members. Pre-registration by March 31 will enter you to win a child's bicycle and equipment. Walkers are also encouraged to recruit walk sponsors. Please bring a Kosher for Passover non-perishable item for our family service agencies' food pantries.

A note from Gary Tinkel:

The Walk promises to be fun for the entire family with raffles, food and music by our own Sons of Tikvah Band. And this year, the Federation will be sponsoring a T-Shirt decorating contest for Hebrew School age children.

The Community Walk for Israel is a way not only to show our Community spirit and Solidarity with Israel, but to raise much needed funds to help the children in the city of Arad in Israel. The money raised will go towards such things as libraries, computer labs and guards for the schools as well as funding for the various food banks in the city. Please help make this event a success by either registering to walk or sponsor a walker. You can register on the Federation Web site at : www.jewishmiddlesex.org.

Gary Tinkel, Family Walk Committee Member

MARCH B'NAI MITZVAH



Brett Angrist
March 5
Richard Angrist



April Levine
March 12
Barry & Berene
Levine



Amanda Zweig
March 19
Martin & Eileen
Zweig



Dina Sharon
March 26
Yitzhak & Sandra
Sharon

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS

Ann Kanarek, Director

פורים

WHAT IS PURIM?

Purim, one of our most joyous holidays, commemorates the deliverance of the Jews of Persia from the destruction planned against them by Haman, vizier of King Ahasuerus. The deliverance was accomplished by that monarch's Jewish wife, Esther, and her cousin Mordecai. These events are related in the Biblical Book of Esther, which is read in the synagogue on Purim.

PURIM: FACT OR FICTION

Some scholars question the historical accuracy and the authenticity of the Purim story as told in the book of Esther. In examining the evidence pro and con, it is important to keep in mind that the significance of the message for Jews may far outweigh the question of historical accuracy of the account. Looking beyond the legendary nature of Purim, the holiday speaks to the historic experiences of antisemitism and persecution. The themes of deliverance from one's enemies and exoneration from the falsehoods which were used to justify their destruction strikes a responsive chord. It gives expression to the deep yearning that the age old experience of hatred and prejudice will come to an end.

WHAT IS A MEGILLAH?

It is the Hebrew word for scroll. Megillah Esther is the Scroll of Esther which contains the story of Purim, read on Purim in the synagogue.

WHAT IS THE SPIRIT OF PURIM?

There is no merrier occasion in the Jewish year than Purim. Tradition has it that we should be so intoxicated with merriment at this season that we fail to distinguish between the cursing of Haman and the blessing of Mordecai. The Hebrew expression for "fail to distinguish" is 'ad lo yada', referring both to the Purim carnival and to the idea of letting go joyfully.

"Shalach Manot," the sending of gifts to friends and to the poor, is obligatory upon all Jews as a token of deliverance and to add to the joy of everyone at this festive season.

SO BE HAPPY IT'S ADAR, and celebrate PURIM!!

P.S. No one is commanded to eat a Hamantasch, but who could turn one down?

So enjoy and have fun!!
CHAG SAMEACH!!

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL MARCH REMINDERS:

Sunday, March 6: DALET CLASS: C.A.F.E. (Cultural Arts For Enrichment) Program, Yad Workshop (during regular school hours) with guest artist, *Inbar Bibring*

Sunday, March 13: ALEF CLASS: C.A.F.E. (Cultural Arts For Enrichment) Program, Siddur Covers (during regular school hours) with guest artist, *Inbar Bibring*

Sunday, March 20: GIMEL CLASS: C.A.F.E. (Cultural Arts For Enrichment) Program, Hamsa workshop (during regular school hours) with guest artist, *Inbar Bibring*

K-4 Holiday Program: Join us for a special *Purim* presentation featuring, *Andi Joseph* (www.musicalmommy.com) **9:40am-10:30am.**

(Attention: First grade children and late session Bet students: There will be no late session on March 20th. Students are encouraged to attend school early session (9:00 am-10:25 am) to participate in the program-Second graders are invited to attend. Parents are welcome.

Thursday, March 24: EARLY DISMISSAL for Purim. School session from 4:00pm-5:30pm. Everyone is welcome to the **SHUSHAN MARKET-PLACE** 5:30pm-6:30pm followed by the Megillah reading, costume parade and contest.

Sunday, March 27 - Sunday, April 3: NO SCHOOL, *Spring break* (School resumes **Monday, April 4**)

Sunday, April 10: DALET CLASS: Rabbi's 4 "B" program, part 2

Friday, April 15: BET CLASS: Shabbat dinner, 6:30pm and Service, 8:00pm

SUPPORT OUR CANDY SALE:

Each year, the Religious School sponsors a Passover Candy sale. The Barton's Candy is on sale now and the sale will end March 6. You have an opportunity to purchase holiday candy with the form your child brought home in their school bags. (If you need an extra form, kindly call the School Office, 732-297-0295). The proceeds from this worthwhile fund raiser will go to enrich our students with special programs. On behalf of our children's education, we welcome your support.

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Fran Pearson, Director

March is known for its unpredictable weather. It can be windy and wild like a lion one day, then warm and gentle like a lamb the next. Unlike March weather, we will soon celebrate the predictable and fun-filled holiday of Purim. The festival of Purim is a great time to have a carnival, wear a costume, eat hamantashen, and send shalach manot (gifts of food) baskets to our friends and family. It is a time when the entire Jewish community can rejoice over the miracle of our people's survival.

Purim is an important food holiday because it is the last big opportunity to use flour and other baking ingredients before Passover. In our Nursery School we will be taking advantage of this opportunity by baking hamantashen. The delicious aroma of hamantaschen baking in the oven will permeate our hallways and classrooms.

Our fun in learning will continue when the children learn all about the Purim story and the important people who made this holiday special – King Ashasureus, beautiful Queen Esther, honest Uncle Mordecai and Wicked Haman. The children will dance, sing Purim songs, play some games and enjoy munching on their special snacks of hamantashen. The children will make colorful Purim megillahs, funny masks and unique groggers. They will prepare shalach manot baskets to give to friends and family and learn about the mitzvah of sharing during this holiday.

The highlights include having our Purim parties. Our children will have the opportunity to dress in costumes. Parents will be invited see our little Purim parade as the children march around the school. Lots of noise will be heard as they spin their groggers to drown out mean Haman's name

each time he is mentioned. At the conclusion of our parties, each child will receive a Purim treat from their teachers.

Next on our Purim agenda is our annual Purim Carnival. The children will have lots of fun participating in our Purim playground. From activities such as bouncing in Noah's Ark to spinning out an art picture to having our artist moms skillfully apply a unique face design to pinning a grogger on Haman to designing a beautiful crown and so much more – including receiving a special Purim carnival participant metal – our children are sure to have lots of Purim fun!

THANKS

Our sincerest thanks to our social and special events committee co-chairs Charlene Nass and Jodi Segalewitz, and their committee, for their assistance in planning our carnival to ensure its success. Many thanks to our parents for volunteering to work at our Purim stations to assist our children with their activities. Volunteers are what make our school operate so well and we greatly appreciate the help and support you give us

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NURSERY SCHOOL MARCH CALENDAR:

Wednesday, March 23 – Purim Carnival

Thursday, March 24 – Two's Purim parties and parade.

Friday, March 25 -- Purim parade & class parties for Pre-k & Three's

B'NAI TIKVAH YOUTH

KADIMA

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Upcoming Kadima Events

8th Grade Shabbaton (for those who signed up) March 4-6.

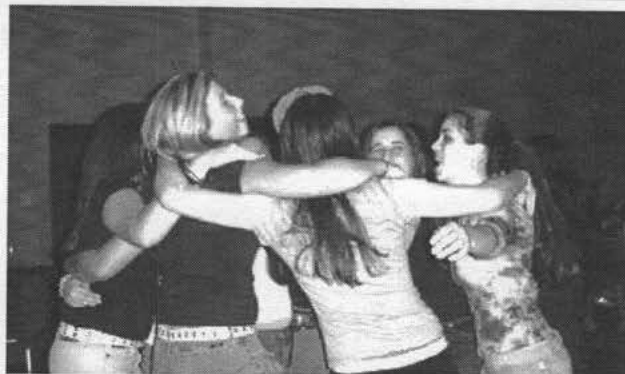
Chinese Food and Game Show Night- March 10th 7-8:30 pm- B'nai Tikvah.

Purim Event with USY- March 17th 7:30-9 pm- B'nai Tikvah

Regional Kadima Dance- Wayne, NJ- We will have a bus to the event.

Regional Kadima Fun Day- Brick, NJ- 2-5 pm (rescheduled from the snowed out event.)

For all of these great events, please rsvp to Adam. Also, **Spring Convention is just around the corner.** I encourage all Kadima members to try to attend. Convention is May 20-22. To bring back some memories for those who have attended, and to give some of you an idea of the fun at the Convention, take a look at a couple of pictures from last year:



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THANK YOU TO "RAISE OUR VOICES" VOLUNTEERS AND SPONSORS

I would like to thank the entire BT community for their community spirit and generosity in supporting the Raise Our Voices for Israel Concert. It says a lot about who we are as a Jewish community to host a county-wide event that benefits our family in Israel. It involved the time and energy of many of the B'nai Tikvah members and I want to extend a warm thank you to all of them, especially the host committee; Ruth Anne Koenick, Bobbi Binder, Jodi Marcou, Tammy Zimmerman, Cantor Rockman, and Hadas Elami.

Cindy Gittleman

Thanks to those who helped out with the 25th Anniversary Phonathon

On Sunday, February 13th a group of energetic and enthusiastic congregants and board members participated in a Phon-A-Thon to drive attendance to this year's 25th anniversary dinner dance. Special thanks go to Mark Sherman who extended his Solomon Smith Barney office for our use, and also provided the donuts and refreshments.

The Phon-A-Thon was successful in reminding and encouraging our members to attend the dinner dance and also solicited contributions from some members unable to attend.

Participants included:

Janice Baer	Amy Behar
Arie Behar	Gary Bergman
Stacey Cadoff	Larry Cohen
Arlene Frumkin	Mitch Frumkin
Bill Greenberg	Andy Ross
Mark Sherman	

Additionally, thanks go to Ruth Anne Koenick, Allison Nagelberg, Jodi Marcou, and Cindy Gittleman who could not attend the event but are making calls.

Thanks to all those who are helping ensure the Dinner Dance and Ad Journal's success.

Gary Warner

SOCIAL ACTION

Passover is not just Matzah

Passover Food Drive March 6 - April 8

Once again, we as a community will help Jewish Family Service with their Passover Holiday Food Basket program which enables needy Jewish families in our community to enjoy a traditional Passover. Collection containers will be located in the synagogue office and in the school wing to collect the donations. Bring your donations any day except Shabbat.

Here is a list of items needed to fill each basket. **All items must be Kosher for Passover.**

Candies	Grape Juice Oil
Gefilte Fish	Horseradish Soda
Canned Fruit	Instant Decaf Coffee (4 or 6 oz only)
Canned Soup	Potato Latke or Kugel Mix
Jelly	Macaroons
Canned Tuna/Sardines	Matzo Sugar
Canned Vegetables	Matzo Meal
Coffee and Tea Bags	

Cash Donations are always appreciated and checks can be made payable to "Jewish Family Service" and mailed to them at 517 Ryders Lane, East Brunswick, N.J. 08816

The food donations will be dropped off to IFS on Sunday, April 10. Sorting and Packaging of the food will be done Tuesday, April 12 at 4:30 p.m. Delivery of the food baskets will be Sunday, April 17 at 9:00 a.m.

Anyone wanting to help or wanting more information regarding the above, such as location and directions please call Jennifer Shapiro (732) 940-9229. As always, your help and support are greatly appreciated.

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March 20 - 10:00AM - Join us for breakfast and a discussion of the movie "The Harmonists". It is the story of a sextet composed of Christians and Jews playing in Germany during the rise of the Nazis. We will be discussing the movie on Sunday Morning but we will be viewing the movie beforehand. Here are the times and places for viewing the movie. Pick the location closest to you and RSVP to the hostess listed. Please join us. The Social Action Committee asks for donations of Pass-over cookies, cakes and candy

Dayton- at the home of Bobbi Binder-
Wednesday, March 9- 7:15PM RSVP:732-274-2797

East Brunswick- at the home of Phyllis Safeer-
Tuesday, March 15 at 8:00PM RSVP:732-432-9622

North Brunswick- at the home of Shelly Wistreich-
Wednesday, March 16 7:30PM RSVP:732-422-4273

South Brunswick- at the home of Lori Sookerman-
Thursday, March 17-8:00PM RSVP:732-274-9599

PURIM BASKET REMINDER: If you have been sent Purim baskets, they can be picked up at the temple on Thursday, March 24 at the Megillah reading or Sunday, March 27.

MAH JONGG TOURNAMENT CANCELLED: Unfortunately, the Mah Jongg Tournament has been cancelled. It was scheduled for the new addition which will not be completed in time to hold this event.

CORRECTION:

In the February Hakol, the telephone number for Trans County Title was incorrect. The correct telephone number is 732-846-0600.

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Our Mens Club has been invited by the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame of New York to attend their annual induction ceremony/ breakfast. The ceremony will be held at 10:30 at their headquarters in Commack, New York (Long Island).

Please check their website www.jewishsports.org. Among the many inductees this year is Jay Fiedler, QB of the Miami Dolphins. In addition, they are also honoring Lou Carnesecca (never thought he was Jewish...ha ha ha).

We have also been invited to their private breakfast before the festivities begin publicly. The breakfast begins around 9:45am. If I can get a handle on who is interested, we can organize car/van pools to make the trip. There is NO NCAA basketball that day (the final 4 play the day before) and the NCAA final is the next day.

Check out the web site and e-mail me back as soon as you can if you are interested.

Ed Birch

Edbirch51@comcast.net

Men's Club Softball League

The B'nai Tikvah Men's Club is forming a Softball team this Spring/Summer. There will be 15 Sunday morning games between late April and August. The games will be played on various fields in Middlesex and Somerset Counties.

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WHY ARE THERE TWO ADARS? HAPPY LEAP MONTH!

Ever wonder why some Jewish holidays "come early" or late, relative to the civil calendar? Curious about why there are two months named Adar on the calendar on the Hakol back cover?

The Hebrew calendar is a lunar calendar based on 19-year cycles. The Hebrew month is defined as the period from one new moon to the next. For these calculations the length of a month is 29 days, 12 hours, and 793 halakhim (1/1080th of an hour). A year in the Hebrew calendar is normally twelve

months: Tishrei, Cheshvan, Kislev, Tevet, Sh'vat, Adar, Nisan, Iyar, Sivan, Tammuz, Av, and Elul. Because a lunar month is not an exact whole number of days, the length of the months can be either 29 or 30 days. A typical year alternates 30- and 29-day months, beginning with Tishrei, which is 30 days.

Here's where it gets a little complicated: An extra month is intercalated in seven of every nineteen years (years 3, 6, 8, 11, 14, 17, and 19). In leap years, Adar is replaced with Adar I and

In the Hebrew Calendar, an extra month is added in each of the seven leap years of the 19-year cycle.

Adar II. Adar I is 30 days and Adar II is 29 days. Therefore, every 19-year cycle contains 235 months.

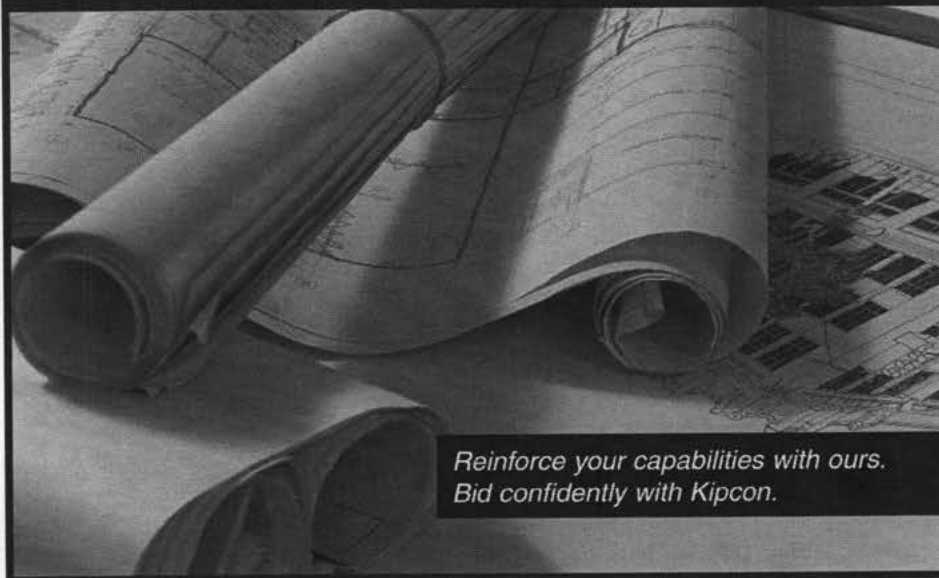
To further bring the calendar into alignment with the lunar cycle, a year may need to be shortened or lengthened by one day: Kislev may be shortened to 29 days, or Cheshvan may be lengthened to 30 days. Thus, there are six types of years:

- Defective common years, with 353 days
- Regular common years, with 354 days
- Excessive common years, with 355 days
- Defective leap years, with 383 days
- Regular leap years, with 384 days
- Excessive leap years, with 385 days

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From The Webmaster

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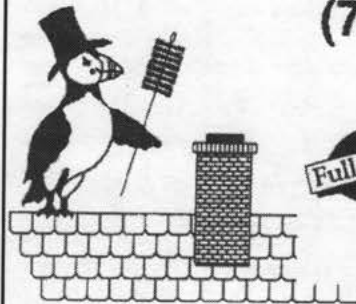
*Regards,
Gary Bergman
Webmaster@BnaiTikvah.org*

*My wife keeps complaining I never listen to her
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A Personal Note on "Raise Our Voices": Not to diminish in any way ALL the fantastic performers who keep topping themselves at every gig, but, when I heard that quiet little part-time synagogue secretary, who barely speaks above a whisper when answering the phone, I was just blown away.

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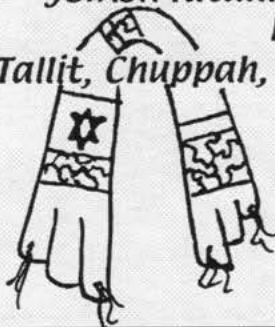
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BOARD AND VP REPORTS

From the February, 2005 Board of Trustees Meeting

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Gary Bergman VP Activities

Website/Communications: Sometimes people send me notices to be included in the weekly email. In order to have this information also appear in the printed announcements and read at the bima, please also send it to the synagogue office (office@bnaitikvah.org).

I recently discovered a wonderful website that exemplifies what a synagogue website should be about. I intend, over the next few months, to redesign the focus of our site to better serve the needs of our synagogue. I encourage you to visit www.beth-tzedec.org to see what I'm referring to.

Adult Education: Dr Jeff Shandler's presentation, which was cancelled due to weather, has been rescheduled for March 23rd.

Larry Cohen began his six session weekly course on "Reading Hebrew". There are 10 adult students taking the course.

Social Action: The committee is in need of a new chairperson. The next social action committee meeting is March 22. Many of the committee members are continuing to do an excellent job and will be following up on ongoing projects, such as the Passover food drive

The March meeting will be a brainstorming session to discuss a calendar of projects/events for the 2005-6 year. They intend to launch an "outreach campaign" and try to develop new programs with new volunteers at a meeting scheduled for May 3rd.

Cindy Gittleman VP Membership

Celebrating 25 Years at B'nai Tikvah: In honor of B'nai Tikvah's 25th anniversary, Membership, along with the Sisterhood, Men's Club and the Religious School has a banner hanging on the new wing to celebrate this special milestone.

Dues Structure: The membership dues structure is being reexamined by a small membership committee. A proposal will be presented to the board in Feb 2005 to be considered. Nothing will go into effect before August 2005

Tee-Shirts: B'nai Tikvah-wear was well received this year and will continue to be sold. Come the Spring we will begin to sell again on Sundays, but tee-shirts can always be requested for purchase on the website.

Prospect List: Membership keeps an 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 prospective members to synagogue events), please contact Cindy Gittleman.

Volunteer "Thank You" Event: Membership is thinking about how to say "Thank You" to many of our members who help in all the different ways, keeping B'nai Tikvah full with activity and community spirit. Please put in your two cents if you have an idea (for a great event with a small budget)

Mitch Frumkin Past President

Construction: The following is the updated list of primary contracts and the percentage complete. I am also pleased to tell you that by the time you read this, the

majority of the heat should be on in the low portion of the building with the MP room following soon after. The plumber did a great job of installing the piping in the cold and snow !!

Current Status of budgeted items:

1. Masonry	99%
2. HVAC	95%
3. Electrical	90%
4. Plumbing	75%
5. Windows and Exterior Doors	100%
6. Fire Protection System	95%
7. EIFS (stucco exterior)	90%
8. Steel studs and drywall	95%
9. Miscellaneous iron work	95%
10. Ceilings	60%
11. Bathroom partitions ready to install	0%
12. Flooring (except MP room) under contract	0%
13. MP room flooring ready to install	0%
14. Painting	75%
15. MP Room door ready to ship	25%
16. Classroom accordion door ready to ship	25%
17. Barrier free lift in fabrication, anticipated 2/15	0%
18. Gas line complete	100%
19. Basketball hoops	100%

As far as the schedule goes, it is anticipated that the heat will be on momentarily. Once this is done we can start the floors and install the ceiling tiles. The project hopefully will really start moving as soon as the heat goes on and I anticipate significant progress towards comple-

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tion during February !!

We are continuing the legal process against the original contractor and have met with the Attorney who has sent another letter to the Contractor as we move forward in documenting our claim.

Feedback Committee: Attached is the proposed FBC Charter for comment by the BOT. Please note that this would expand the role of the committee to address all feedback even if it is just advisory to direct people where there problems can be addressed. Currently the By-laws say "Feedback Committee - This committee shall facilitate communications between members of the Congregation and the Rabbi and between members of the Congregation and the Cantor and shall report semi-annually to the Executive Committee. The committee shall consist of four to six members appointed annually by the President. " If the Board feels that we should make the change, it will require a Bylaw change since the committee will not only be dealing with the Clergy.

Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee has met two times. Our first objective was to develop procedures for moving forward which we have done. The second was to interview presidential candidates which we have also done. Based on this, it is my pleasure to announce that Danny Greenberg has been asked to accept our nomination for President which he has accepted. We will now begin the process of reviewing all open EC and Board positions in order to establish a slate for presentation at the next Congregational meeting. Please join me in congratulating Danny !!

It is also a recommendation of the

Committee that the BOT consider a By-laws change which would establish a "First Vice Presidents" position which would be filled by the person who would be next in line to become President. It is felt that this will help alleviate our ongoing leadership progression issues. I would look for some comments on this recommendation to see if the Board would support such a Bylaw change. This position would not follow any particular VP's position but would be assigned to whatever person the Committee feels should be in this role.

Harold Schneider VP School and Youth

Nursery School: The Nursery School registration packet for 2005-6 has been mailed out. Registration for Nursery School is now going on. On Wednesday morning, February 9th, the Nursery School will hold an open house.

Religious School: On Sunday, February 13th, the Dalet Class will have a PACT program, *Bridges of Mitzvot County*. On Sunday, March 13th, the Dalet Class will have their C.A.F.E. program, *Yad Workshop*, with guest artist Inbar Bibring. The Hei Class Tallit-making workshop, originally scheduled for March 13, has been cancelled due to lack of space.

The Passover Bartons Candy Sale will begin February 13 and end March 6. The proceeds go to extra curricular and enrichment programs for the children.

Our students have collected a box of socks for the *Golani Brigade*, educational supplies for the *Jerusalem Shelter for Battered Women*, and approximately

\$125.00 towards the *Ethiopian Quarter Project*. Our tzedakah program was described in an article in *The Jewish State*.

College Program: The College Committee will soon be sending out Purim packages to all of our registered college students.

Kadima: Our current membership is 54 members. Last year we finished at 50. On Feb 16, Kadima and USY will join for Israeli Dancing at the Synagogue. On February 26, Kadima will hold a Youth Service. That evening, Kadima will hold a regional event, Shrek Day in Cranford from 8-10 pm. On March 3-4 is the 8th Grade Shabbaton. Also, we are still selling Kadima t-shirts for \$7 a shirt. Anyone interested, please email or call Adam Sackett .

USY: We have 51 members in USY. Kadima and USY will not be hosting a Purim carnival this year. The school vacation dates and lack of space in the building have made it impractical

Mark Sherman VP of Ways and Means

Supermarket Scrip & Retail Scrip: Marc Binder is doing a job leading the charge on selling the scrip. It is not a job to be done by one person. We either need support from other congregant or we need to evaluate the program existence. We are very aware of the issues going on in the program and we need people to help!!!!!!!!!!!!!! We are making money despite the issues.

25th Anniversary Event: The committees for the events are off and running. We will be honoring all past presidents. The cost for the dinner dance will be

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\$118.00 a couple or \$60.00 an individual. We will also be running an ad journal. The sale of \$750.00 of ads will get you 2 free tickets. Please feel free to help raise money by buying and selling ads. We need everyone to help. If every board member sells ads we can meet our goal. We have sold about \$10,000 worth of ads so far and I am very excited about the potential for sales. The Community unity part of this event, which will be targeted to whole congregation does not have a date yet. We are waiting for the completion of the new building. Please come and talk to either Gary Warner or myself on helping with the events.

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: Do to the change in the tax laws car donation is no longer as advantageous to the donor. We will still take the donation if requested but I am sure this will no longer be as profitable for the synagogue.

E-Bay: We are exploring ways for us to collect goods and distribute them on e-bay. We would love a volunteer but currently we are looking at people who will be taking a percentage of the sales. We are hoping this will replace some of the income from the car donations. Thank you Hadas for a great idea.

B'nai Tikvah Board meetings are open to all members, and normally take place the first Monday of each month, although please double check if you are planning on attending in March or April, because there may be some changes. Minutes of the Board meetings are available online after they are approved.

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