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ISRAEL AND JEWISH
COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE
WORLD.

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Celebration

Wednesday
May 11th 7:00 pm

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Hei & Chai Graduation

Monday
May 23rd 7:30 pm

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RABBI ELIGBERG SPEAKS

One of my earliest memories connected to Israel is sitting along with the rest of the school, on the floor in the upper lobby of the Jewish Day School I attended, raptly watching a small black and white television projecting into our midst scenes of the Six Day War. This vigil became part of our daily routine. There was the anticipation of marching down the hall; the break in our normal routine that helped us feel the sense of moment, the historical significance of the events we were watching. I can still see in my mind's eye the reaction of my teachers to the capture of the Old City and the tears that flowed watching Moshe Dayan surrounded by Isaiah and Jeremiah, King David and King Solomon, Ezra and Nehemiah, Hillel and Shammai, a veritable army of Jews across the centuries, approaching the Kotel. For a fleeting moment it felt like we too could reach out and touch those sacred stones, that we too were coming home.

This was not the first time my classmates and I were brought together because of the State of Israel. There had already been years of assemblies to celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) and the Israeli songs we learned in preparation. There were countless little leaf stickers that we bought to help plant trees through the Jewish National Fund. There were pictures and posters of Israel in every classroom and filmstrips teaching us about life in Israel, its cities and its kibbutzim. In the years that would follow, I remember going to rallies and marching in parks and on city streets, to show our support for Israel. Standing proudly with my school and Jews from everywhere in our local community made our connection to Israel - the land and the people - an ineradicable part of our identity. Israel was home and haven. Israel was the culmination of the Zionist endeavor and the fulfillment of centuries of prayer.

While it is true that our perception of Israel then was often of a mythic and heroic nature, we were also actively engaged in Israeli culture, people and life. The Israeli-Palestinian struggle has meant a generation of Jews has grown up with images of terrorist attacks in Israel and army incursions into Gaza. The image of Israel has been undercut and left many American Jews feeling ambivalent or worse. For the generation that was coming of age after the Six Day War in 1967, one in four was visiting Israel. In 2002, the number was one in eighteen. While the number has increased slightly in the last year or so, it is a far cry from what it was and more significantly what it needs to be. A generation ago, going to Israel to visit, to study, to work was the next stage in our evolving relationship with Israel. The desire to set foot on the soil of our ancestral land was the product of years of experiences that built our sense of connection to that place and its people.

It is our responsibility to create for our own young people that awareness of belonging to something greater than our local Jewish community and a sense of connection to the land of Israel. In part, we can use the same building blocks that worked in the past - collective participation in events that bring us into

contact with other Jews who are committed to Israel and that show ourselves as supporters of the State of Israel. Seeing many of you at the Walk for Israel last month is a wonderful step in that direction. We have the opportunity to do much more in the weeks ahead. First, is the celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel Independence Day; let's use it as an opportunity to learn how Israel can be a center of our Jewish identity and how we can become partners in the continuing dream to build up the land as a place of safety for all its citizens and a reflection of Jewish values. Second, is the Israel Bonds Break-

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fast, which even if you cannot attend, serves as a reminder that we invest the Jewish future through our investment in the State of Israel. Finally, there is the Salute to Israel Parade on June 5th in New York City. Last year a small group of us went to watch and cheer on the marchers. This year we need to give ourselves and our young people the experience of marching with thousands of

other Jews along Fifth Avenue through a corridor made up of almost a half million Jews. It is an indelible and indescribable experience.

B'nai Tikvah's Israel Youth Exchange Program has given many of us the opportunity to develop close personal contacts with Israelis from Ramla. They have taken us into their homes when we visited Israel and we have been enthusiastic in showing them our hospitality when they have visited us. It is these very people whom we support through our strong participation in the Salute to Israel Parade. Marching shows our friends in Israel, millions of Israelis we do not know and the whole of American society that the Jewish community here stands together in support of Israel.

I look forward to marching with you!

*With blessings,
Rabbi David M. Eligberg*

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**

IN CASE OF ...

By following these guidelines, you will help yourself and your family in times of great joy, or moments of crisis and stress.

As Rabbi, it is my desire to attend to your life-cycle needs. These include births and weddings, funerals and hospital or home visitation of the ill. In order for the Bikur Holim Committee, the community and myself to be of help to you, we must be kept informed. Please take a moment to read through these steps, and keep this page in a handy place.

Rabbi David M. Eligberg

ILLNESS:

In case of illness and/or hospitalization, please notify the synagogue office at 732-297-0696.

DEATH:

Even before making funeral arrangements notify Rabbi Eligberg at the synagogue office at 732-297-0696 or directly at home, 732-940-1973. Rabbi Eligberg will assist and guide you in making proper arrangements for the funeral.

In the event that you cannot reach the Rabbi, contact the local funeral home and begin to make your arrangements. Please, if Rabbi Eligberg is going to officiate at the funeral, do not finalize the funeral time until the Rabbi has contacted you. At most this will be a few hours.

In the event that Rabbi Eligberg is on vacation, Cantor Rockman is on call, as well as other local Conservative Rabbis. Their names can be obtained by calling the synagogue office, an officer of the synagogue, or the Ritual Committee Chairman.

It is also appropriate to contact Rabbi Eligberg whenever tragedy or trauma occurs. Please contact him irrespective of the hour, at 732-297-0696 during office hours or at home 732-940-1973. On Shabbat and Yom Tov the Rabbi does not use the telephone. Therefore, you can convey information to him on these days at the synagogue during scheduled service times, by calling him immediately after Shabbat or Yom Tov, or by going to his residence at 16 Gwyn Avenue, North Brunswick.

SIMCHAS:

For joyous occasions in your life, please share your naches with the rabbi. Inform the Rabbi about births, engagements, weddings and other noteworthy moments in the life of your family. The Rabbi will help with arrangements for information regarding a mohel, a baby naming, coordinate a pidyon haben (the redemption ceremony for firstborn males), schedule an aufruf (to celebrate the forthcoming marriage), weddings and bring the richness of Jewish traditions and mitzvot into your simcha.

Celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut

Israel Independence Day

Join us for

"A Taste Of Israel"

And a Movie

Wednesday, May 11th

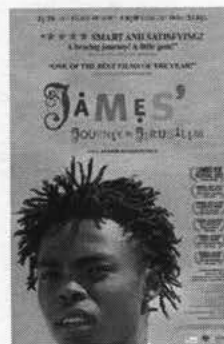
Celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut with music, prayer, song and food. Come have a light bite of falafel, Israeli snacks and Israeli drinks.

7:00 PM - Light Israeli Snack

7:30 PM Mincha and Maariv services

8:00 PM - Israeli Movie -

"James' Journey to Jerusalem"



A cannily droll mix of social commentary and modern fairy tale, Israeli filmmaker Ra'anan Alexandrowicz's debut film feature follow the adventures of James, a devout Christian making a pilgrimage from his African village to the Holy Land. He becomes part of the migrant labor workforce in Tel Aviv and pursues his religious quest - until he gets a little taste of fortune by turning the

tables on his employers. With a moving and charismatic performance by South African actor Siyabonga Melongsi shibe, JAMES' JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM is an astute exploration of the economic, moral and spiritual hypocrisies of Western society filtered through an evocative portrait of modern Israel's cultural and generational divisions.

There is no charge, however, an RSVP would be greatly appreciated!!! Please contact Rachel Shaneson at 732-329-2189. If you would like to make a donation to sponsor this evening, please make your check payable to "Congregation B'nai Tikvah", and leave it in the office Ritual Committee box in an envelope marked "Taste of Israel".

OUR HAZZAN'S VOICE Cantor Bruce Rockman

Get turned on at FRIDAY NIGHT PLUGGED-IN!

Friday Night Plugged-In has been a fun experience at B'nai Tikvah. During the months that we welcome Shabbat a little later in the day, we have the opportunity to come to the synagogue a little earlier in the evening and include instrumental music within our service. I hope you have had the opportunity to attend a few of these special services. 6:30PM is a family-friendly time; it affords us the opportunity to greet the Sabbath Bride with joyous music and celebrate her with a delicious Shabbos dinner befitting the occasion. The time is also good for younger families who likely will eat their dinner before they arrive. It's perfect timing, especially if you celebrate this beautiful family holiday of rest and joy.

Throughout our country, there are Friday night services like ours. In many of these congregations, attendance at these services has much more than doubled their regular attendance. At these synagogues, the music has reinvented the Friday night service and the Shabbat experience in these communities. In New York's B'nai Jeshurun, many Jewish singles and families attend and socialize following the service. Friday night services start at 6:45 every Shabbat.

The purpose of getting a large number of people to these services is not so that you can enjoy a musical performance or that you meet your future mate. These may be wonderful fringe benefits, but certainly this is not our sole purpose.

In describing themselves on their web site, B'nai Jeshurun states, "*BJ is a Jewish community built on the belief that we must strive to be a kehillah kedoshah, a holy community.*"

We ask that each member of BJ commit him or herself to probing and relevant study, prayer with true intention, meaningful observance and acts of loving kindness that bring us closer to the repair of the world.

Please join us as we continue the quest for increasingly meaningful ways to serve each other, our community, our world and God."

This is similar to the goals of our mission statement, but much more direct.

"To foster a vibrant egalitarian Jewish community founded in the religious customs and traditions of Conservative Judaism; offering excellent Jewish education and community activities for all ages with commitment to Israel and Jewish communities throughout the world."

Our statement is an offer and our ideal. B'nai Jeshurun goes farther. Their statement is an expectation of their members and invites people to commit to these important Jewish values. There is nothing there that we also don't already believe in and attempt to do, but our level of commitment and accomplishment are not as great.

We recognize that Shabbat, is a day of rest, a gift from God, after all of work during the week. Shabbat is a reward for all of the mitzvot that we have fulfilled in the past week.

So you come to shul after another challenging week, you hear the music, reflect on your accomplishments and difficulties. You pray to God, you think, you meditate, maybe I did ok this week. It has been a good week. I pray that God is proud of me and my accomplishments.

Imagine, week after week, like minded people gather in their synagogues on Shabbat to reflect upon doing mitzvot. What a powerful experience. This is what FRIDAY NIGHT PLUGGED-IN is about. Plug in to Shabbat, your life is meaningful and being with friends and new acquaintances can help us fulfill our mission. Shabbat is our reward, FRIDAY NIGHT PLUGGED-IN is celebration.

I get carried away with my enthusiasm and am openly passionate about our community. I believe that we can be the best most giving Jewish community, truly a holy community.

That is why I love to pray, I believe it makes a difference and can bring people together. Joyous prayer with music like FRIDAY NIGHT PLUGGED-IN can bring more people to the table, and God knows what we can accomplish to make this a better more beautiful word.

*Worship the Lord in gladness; come before God with joyous song.
Cantor Bruce Rockman*

HAKOL

The Newsletter of
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**All Submissions for the
 June/July/August HAKOL
 must be in by May 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.

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

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Sing, Dance and Pray

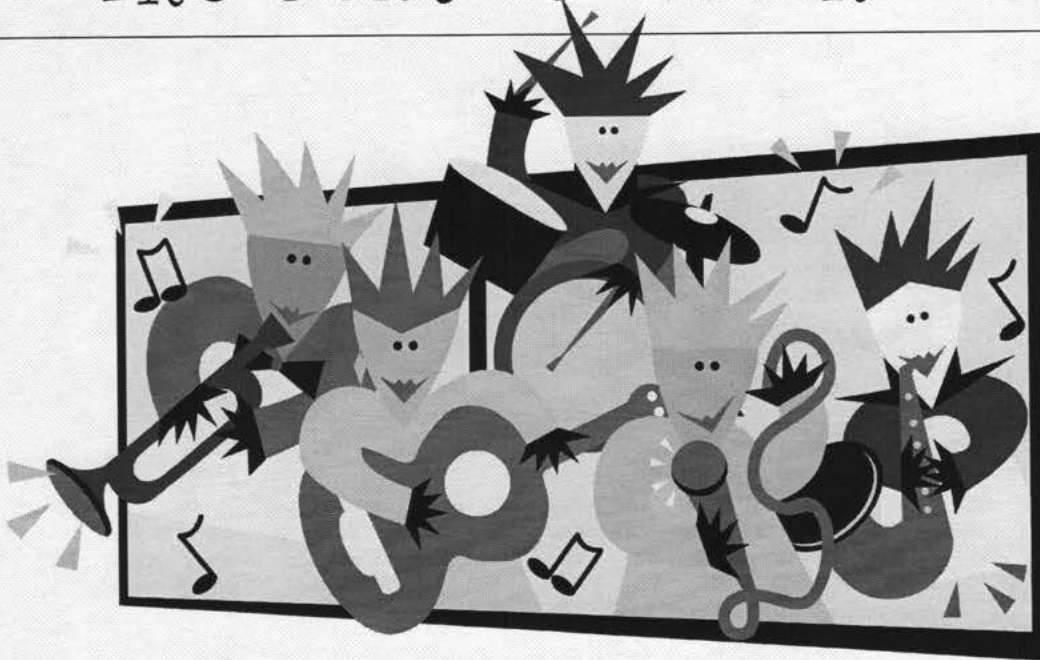
Join us for

Friday Night Plugged-In

May 13 & June 17 @ 6:30 PM

with

The Sons of Tikvah Band



Congregation B'nai Tikvah
And



State of Israel Bonds

cordially invite you to attend a

Breakfast of Tribute
Honoring

Rabbi David and Jodi Eligberg

Sunday May 22, 2005
10 a.m.

Congregation B'nai Tikvah
1001 Finnegan's Lane
North Brunswick, New Jersey

R.S.V.P. by May 16th

Couvert \$18.00

STATE OF ISRAEL BONDS BREAKFAST

RABBI DAVID AND JODI ELIGBERG

State of Israel Bonds is privileged to pay a well-deserved tribute to Rabbi David and Jodi Eligberg in recognition of their steadfast devotion and tireless efforts on behalf of the Jewish community and the State of Israel

Rabbi David Eligberg has served as the spiritual leader of Congregation B'nai Tikvah since August 1995. Prior to coming to B'nai Tikvah he served congregations in Levittown, PA, Pomona, NY and Woodmere, NY. He was born and raised in Montreal, Canada. Rabbi Eligberg graduated from the Joint Program between the Jewish Theological Seminary and Columbia University in 1981, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Jewish Studies and in Political Science. He received his rabbinic ordination and Master of Arts in 1985 from the Jewish Theological Seminary. As a student he received various awards including prizes for Talmud, leadership in student affairs and intellectual ability.

Rabbi Eligberg currently serves the New Jersey Rabbinical Assembly as its first vice-president and chair of the Giyur (Conversion) Committee. He also serves on the Giyur Committee for the International Rabbinical Assembly. Rabbi Eligberg is the treasurer of the South Brunswick Area Clergy Association and is the rabbinic co-chair of the Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County's Israel Task Force. He also serves on the board of the Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County and the South Brunswick Community Resource Team. Rabbi Eligberg has served previously on the Middlesex County Human Relations Council and the Clergy Advisory Council for The Sharing Network.

Rabbi Eligberg reflects his creativity through the use of props such as a giant laptop computer, billboard signs and giant gift boxes during sermons; puppets and storytelling; original plays such as "Greekbusters", "It's Hanukkah Charlie Brown" and "Purim Rock", and board games — regular and life-sized.

Jodi Eligberg was born in Brooklyn and raised in East Brunswick. She graduated from the University of Michigan in 1992 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and received her law degree from New York University School of Law in 1996. She clerked for now District Judge Naomi Reice Buchwald from 1996-97 and then worked as an associate in the litigation department of Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith, Ravin, Davis and Himmel from 1997-99.

Jodi became a Music Together teacher in 2003 and worked for

two semesters prior to the birth of their third child. Jodi currently serves on the Board of Directors for Jewish Family Service of Southern Middlesex County and is the chair of Solomon Schechter Day School of Raritan Valley's Recruitment Committee. Previously, Jodi served as the chair of the Community Service Committee of the synagogue's nursery school and was a member of the Central New Jersey Jewish Home for the Aged's Auxiliary Board. She has also been a member of SSDS-RV's Education Committee, and B'nai Tikvah's Social Action Committee. Jodi was also a member of B'nai Tikvah's Makhela and a graduate of the first class of the Hadassah Leadership Academy.

For the past five years, Rabbi David and Jodi have spent several weeks each summer at Camp Ramah in the Berkshires, where David serves as a visiting rabbi and Jodi works in the camp office. Rabbi David and Jodi have three children, Sarah (6), Yonatan (4) and Miriam (6 months).

We salute Rabbi Eligberg and Jodi for their unwavering commitment and we call upon their friends and family to join us in honoring them.

Guest Speaker

GIL ELAN Lt. Col. (ret.), IDF Middle East Analyst

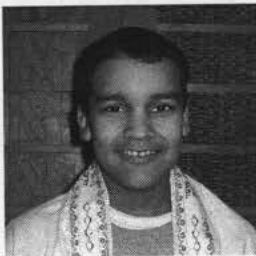
A widely regarded expert on Israel and the Middle East, he has extensive experience as a former Israel Defense Force combat commander, as well as in the international arena.

As a senior reserves briefing officer with the IDF, Lieutenant Colonel Elan, now retired, was frequently called to active duty to lecture visiting dignitaries and politicians on various aspects of Israel's security concerns, military strategies and regional threats.

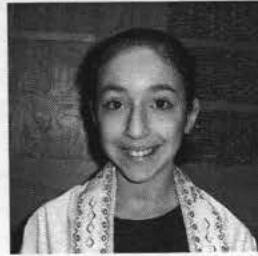
Following the 1982 war in Lebanon, he served as commander of the IDF Spokesman ~ unit in Beirut.

Educated in London and Tel Aviv, Gil Elan has been interviewed on numerous radio and TV shows, has published articles and columns on the Middle East, and hosted a popular radio talk show.

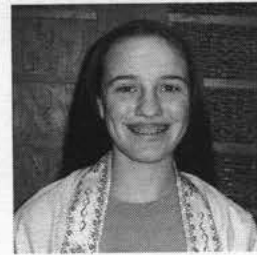
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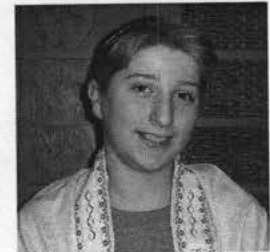
Harris Fliegelman
May 7
Richard & Michelle
Fliegelman



Rebecca Binder
May 14
Marc & Bobbi Binder



Heather Rosen
May 21
Mark & Patricia Rosen



Daniel Waltzer
May 28
Frank & Laurie Waltzer

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Arie Behar

It was 3:15 am when my cell phone woke me up. My wife was calling from the other side of the Atlantic, (at 8:15 pm, home in New Jersey) to tell me it was time to climb Masada. It was dark and cold outside and the desert mountain cast a large shadow over the Dead Sea. I found my way, with the help of a full moon, into the rooms of the sleeping kids, and woke them up to start our day. At 4 am we were on the bus driving south from Ein Gedi, along the Dead Sea to the base of the fortress, ready to climb 3000 ft to the top of Masada.

This was the first time that Alan and the kids had climbed in the dark. We walked quietly on the Snake Path in order to be aware of our surroundings. The full moon aided our navigation, and allowed us to see the Dead Sea and nearby mountains as they got smaller and smaller. Each one of us, in our own way, became awed by both the natural beauty and the historical events of 2000 years ago at this place.

As we approached the Eastern Gate, a large yellow ball made its way across the sky. We gathered together around the Israeli flag at the top of the mountain and shared the sunrise together. The flag, the sun, the scenery, and the knowledge of history around us came together at that moment and resembled the strength and spirit of Israel.

We walked to the old temple, and met a group of 40 boys and girls, age 13, preparing a B'nai Mitzvah assignment. Many of them were Ethiopian. For some of us it was our first experience with black Jews. Their presence showed us that Israel can be a home for Jews from all over the world. At the end of their ceremony the group sang HaTikvah, and we stood with them and sang along, most with tears in our eyes.

I told our group the story of Eliezer Ben Yair, the leader of the Jews, who in the year 70 AD, gathered 960 of Masada's defenders, and explained to them that the Romans, who had besieged the fortress of Masada for three years, would break the walls the next day. Nothing could be done to stop them. Instead of becoming Roman

slaves, he asked the group to burn all their possessions so they would not fall into Roman hands. He specified that the food and water should remain untouched, to show the Romans that there had been sufficient food and water for three years. He asked every man to kill his wife and children, and then the men drew lots to determine who among them would kill his fellow man. In the end only Eliezer remained, and he killed himself. The Jews died as free men.

Our small group of Jews from B'nai Tikvah felt that we were free men and women too, connected to our religion through our history, our faith and our new country. This story from our past, our hike

and the sunrise and the HaTikvah, made us determined to remain strong and proud Jews, and not allow the Masada story to happen again.

The members of our group were Alan Kane (co-chaperone), Leah Behar, Mara Gittleman, Allison Baer, Matan Griffel, Dan Goldstein and Matt Biderman. We succeeded in making the Israel exchange program a true exchange program this year by staying with our friends in Ramla. I am ready to work on a trip for next year in the spring. If you or your high school aged child is interested, contact me, and feel free in the coming months to talk with any of the group about their experience.

We are pleased to announce the formation of a new membership group in our synagogue. The **Chai Member's Club** celebrates the distinguished population of our B'nai Tikvah family who have 18 years or longer consecutive membership to our synagogue. It is with great pride and gratitude that we acknowledge the long-term support of our Chai Member families.

Each Chai Member family will receive recognition from the Men's Club and Sisterhood, a courtesy discount on guest tickets for the High Holidays, a "Chai Member" rate on varied synagogue events, and special Chai member events throughout the year. To kick off the Chai Member's Club:

*We invite our
Chai Member Families
to join us for the
Chai Member Mixer
Sunday evening, May 15th
7:00 - 9:00pm
in the Kiddush Room
Coffee Bar and delicious desserts
Catered by Classical Caterers*

We hope you will join us in celebrating this new membership group. The Chai Member's Club will begin this year with 136 families. We hope you will join us on the 15th. Please R.S.V.P. to membership@BnaiTikvah.org, or call Cindy Gittleman at 732-274-2253.

BOARD AND VP REPORTS

From the April, 2005 Board Meeting

Daniel Greenberg VP Administration

House & Grounds: Now that spring seems to be upon us, we are making efforts to get the worst parts of the parking lot holes filled. We hope to have this done in the next month, but it is difficult to secure asphalt at this time.

Construction of the Cantor's new office is complete, and he has moved in.

Next step is to set up the other half of the old youth lounge as a chapel. We have permanent pews that are being donated to us – the good news is that all we have to do is pick them up. The bad news is that we have to go to East Rockaway, NY

(about 5 miles past JFK Airport) to get them. We have the use of a truck; what we need now are people to help. PLEASE CONTACT JEFF CADOFF OR DAN GREENBERG TO VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME. We will try to arrange for a Sunday morning.

Repairs of the tiled entrance are completed – we now have a paving block walkway that is MUCH less slippery.

Budget: Budget Committee continues Sunday nights.

Religious Activities: Kudos to Bobbi Binder, Ruth Anne Koenick and the rest of the team that put together a fantastic Purim celebration. The RAC

successfully hosted the Shushan Market on March 24th, which was attended by over 200 people. Pizza dinner was free, and we did receive donations to help offset the costs. There were games and activities for the children followed by the Megillah reading.

New siddurim have been ordered. They will be embossed with "Congregation B'nai Tikvah." We are aiming to introduce the siddurim at Friday night services on June 10th in conjunction with Sisterhood installation.

We have received replacements for the poorly bound Etz Chaim Chumashim

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Chai Members 2005

Bernard & Ruth Adler
Phyllis Allroy
David Shultz & Nancy Asher-Shultz
Myron & Cheryl Asnis
Mildred Auerbach
Estelle Bach
Arlene Bacher
Ben & Sandra Baum
Gary & Barbara Bergman
Neysa Bibel
Charles & Barbara Bloom
Joel Bradus
Richard & Patricia Brams
Stuart & Sima Brokowsky
Alan & Linda Brown
Arthur & Ronnie Calem
Arthur & Arlene Cederbaum
Ann Cherson
Harold & Fay Deiches
Abby Diamondstein
Marc & Gale Dillman
Dave & Caryl Distel
Barry & Caren Dworkin
Gary & Toby Ehrlich
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Joseph Feldman
Gerald & Joyce Fishelberg
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Blanche Fruhling
Madeline Gaynor
Joel & Joyce Gerbman
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Simon & Shirlee Goldstein
Paul & Sheila Gordon
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ADULT EDUCATION

Wednesday May 25th 7:30pm

Guest Speaker

Ms. Ravit Bar-Av

Information Officer

**Israeli Consulate General office
in New York.**

Ms. Bar-Av served as Coordinator of the Peres Center Peace Corps Partnership with UNOPS (UN Office for Projects Services), as well as Director of the IT Peace Incubator. Her initiatives included the production of PR activity tools, among them websites, multimedia presentations and newsletters.

Ms. Bar-Av also co-managed professional think-tanks in the fields of peace education, globalization, and peace-building and knowledge management in the service of peace. While studying in New York from 1990 to 1995, she served at the Consulate of Israel in New York. She began working as the assistant for the Deputy Consul General and later became the Director of the Consul General Bureau.

Ms. Bar-Av has a B.S. degree in Marketing Communications, as well as two Professional Academic Certificates in Information Management and Executive Office Management. She served in the IDF as a Lieutenant.

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

Next Adult Ed Committee Meeting: Monday, May 9th.

Join us Friday, May 27

for a Lag b'Omer

SHABBARBEQUE

(Shabbat + Barbeque)

**See the sign up flyer
in this month's Hakol!**

A MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

Cindy Gittleman, VP Membership

Please warmly welcome new members:

Paul and Renee Weissman

Save the Date!

In honor of B'nai Tikvah's 25th Anniversary, we want to take time out to acknowledge and thank the many, many volunteers and leaders of our Jewish community.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24TH

**Please join us
after services at 8:00pm for a**

SUPER SWEET ONEG SHABBAT

More details in the June Hakol!

GROWTH OPPORTUNITY

NURSERY SCHOOL DIRECTOR

The JCC of North/South Brunswick seeks a warm, enthusiastic and nurturing professional to serve as Nursery School Director for our state licensed, full service nursery school with expanding facilities.

Responsibilities include:

- Planning, developing, implementing and directing our early childhood program of 80 (12 month to 5 year old) children as well as design our summer camp program
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- Excellent interpersonal, organizational and communication skills
- Must be an innovative, flexible, and energetic team player.

Send resume with salary requirements to:
Jeff Cadoff 732-398-3769 jeff.cadoff@bnaitikvah.org

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH OUR NEW PURIM ACTIVITIES!

The Shushan Market, which was held on the evening of Purim, March 24th was a huge success. Over 200 people attended the market, where children had a chance to play games, color and have their faces painted. Everyone enjoyed dinner of pizza and soda with hamantaschen for dessert. This event could not have taken place without the hard work of the following people, thanks to all of you:

Margot Cohen, Allison Schultz, Jessica Schultz, Tamara Rucko, Matt Rucko, Alana Katronetsky, Amanda Dillman, Molly Koenick, Amy Binder, Becca Binder, Aaron Gittleman, Michael Rogove, Noah Levin, Benjy Levin, Sarah Miller, Becca Eisenberg, Meryl Surks, and Rachel Shaneson.

And to our dinner servers Phil and Alex Welscher and Rachel Shaneson, great work under pressure!!

A special thank you to Dorothy Cohen and Gale Dillman for chairing this event and getting so many to volunteer, after all, what would Purim be without the fun and games!!!

The following people contributed to the Shushan Market by sponsoring a pizza, thanks so much for your support:

Buron and Vicki Bauman, Alan and Rebecca Denlow, Marc and Bonnie Eisenberg, Phyllis and Al Garten, Danny and Caryl Greenberg, Ben and Linda Gottesman, Fern and Alan Katronetsky, Steve and Rene'e Levin, David and Allison Nagelberg, Tom and Hope Peters, Mark and Judy Roller, Sam and Ann Rosenzweig, Barry and Phyllis Safeer, Matt and Beth Schurman, Jodi and Steven Segalewitz, Rachel Shaneson and Howard and Laura Waksman.

The following night, we had our first ever faux treif dinner. What a gourmet evening it was. Antipasto, pasta with seafood, and chicken parmigiana were among the entrees that were served that night. We had an open mike night and I am sure that some of the acts are better left a distant memory!! But who could forget the Dillman rap or the No Name Chavurah rap!!! And of course a few bad jokes by our very own Rabbi!! Thanks to Joyce Gerbman and Marci Oslick for chairing this event, which was attended by over 70 people.

Anyone interested in joining the Religious Activities Committee, please contact Bobbi Binder. You do not need to be "religious" to be a part of this committee. We plan events, discuss synagogue issues, just like any other committee!!! This is a great committee to get involved in, so please email Bobbi.Binder@bnaitikvah.org for more information .

Bobbi Binder
Religious Activities Chairperson

Family Shabbat Dinner and Services:

Friday, May 20, 2005

See the sign-up flyer in this issue of Hakol

Coming in June...

Friday, June 10th, Please attend services at 8pm, as we introduce the New Siddur Sim Shalom!!

Hold the date: Sunday, June 12th, An Evening of Study, Tikun Leil Shavuot, beginning at 8pm. Dinner will be served followed by the study of Genesis, Chapter 1, from 9 to 10pm. We will then break for dessert and continue studying until midnight. RSVP appreciated.

Monday, June 13th: Anyone who has had a child this past year is invited to attend services on Monday, June 13th for a special blessing. Ice Cream Dessert will follow services that morning.

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS**Ann Kanarek, Director****SPECIAL GRADUATION SERVICES****Monday, May 23th 7:30pm****Hei Class Siyum****(7th Grade Class Commencement Service)**

On Monday, May 23, we will have an opportunity to celebrate with our Hei class at their siyum service. This special service marks the completion of one segment of our students' Jewish education here at B'NAI TIKVAH, and the beginning of another, the CHAI School program.

This is an exciting event for which our seventh graders have been eagerly working. As a culmination of their studies, students will be sharing Jewish rituals that are particularly meaningful to them. The theme this year is how we learn and live Judaism. Their play "And There Was Light" beautifully explains how each one of us can be a better person and a proud Jew. Please join us as our hei students "graduate" from Hebrew School and share their service with the congregation.

Congregation B'NAI TIKVAH extends heartfelt good wishes to the members of the 2005 Religious Hei (7th grade) Class

CHAI SCHOOL GRADUATION

Several years after Bar/Bat Mitzvah our students graduate from Chai School. In our Congregation, graduation is celebrated in 11th grade. This ceremony affirms one's commitment to the study, observance, and practice of our tradition. We will celebrate this graduation on **Monday, May 23, 7:30PM**. Our graduates will lead a creative service they have prepared. This promises to be a very special service and memorable experience. Our students will each read poetry and selected readings that they have put together for a very beautiful service. We hope that many of you will join us as we congratulate this year's graduation class.

We offer Mazal Tov to the 2005 "CHAI" School graduates:

Joshua Berger	Matthew Katz	Daniel Rekant
Brian Binder	Ilana Katronetsky	Allison Shultz
Jennifer Davis	Jenny Katz	Meryl Surks
Daniel Goldstein	Noah Levin	

We look forward to seeing them continue their activity in Temple life.

Religious School Reminders:

Sunday, May 8: Gimel: Model Wedding Ceremony, 11:30AM

Sunday, May 15: Dalet/Hei & Chai: SPECIAL "GADNA" PROGRAM with Israeli lieutenant, *Amit Shuker*

Friday, May 20: Alef: Hagigat HaSiddur Ceremony, 7:00PM

Saturday, May 21: Dalet: Class led Shabbat (Junior Congregation) Service and Kiddush

Monday, May 23: Hei Class Siyum and Chai School Graduation Ceremony, 7:30PM

Thursday, May 26: Last Day of Religious School

THANK YOU TO OUR FACULTY AND VOLUNTEERS

As the school year comes to a close, it is gratifying to look back at all that our students have learned and accomplished. It is thanks to our devoted group of teachers that all of our students have had such a successful year.

Teaching is crucial to the Jewish future and without our teachers Judaism would quickly evaporate. As we mark the end of the school year I would like to acknowledge the hard work and efforts of our teachers. Many thanks to our esteemed faculty:

Faye Bronzo	Jodi Liebmann
Joel Cohen	Rebekah Lowenstein
Melissa Director	Avi Mall
Phyllis Edley	Ariela Robinson
Rabbi David M. Eligberg	Cantor Bruce Rockman
Sara Fernandez	Jeremy Rosen
Gina Giuffre	Talia Rosenberg
Marlo Hirshon	Josh Seigle
Loren Hurwitz	Carol Winter
Shimon Keren	Marisa Yammer
Sherry Levitt	Miriam Ziegler

On behalf of the faculty and school, I would like to thank the parents for all your support and, most especially, for giving us the pleasure of working with your children.

Thank you to Vice President of School and Youth, Harold Schneider and Religious Education Co-Chairpersons, Kim Reimann and Lisa Seidman and their committee for their encouragement and efforts all year. Many thanks to all the subcommittees for helping us to make our Shabbat dinners and other holiday celebrations special.

THANK YOU TO OUR CHAI SCHOOL TEENS

The Toranim (our High School aides) have been excellent role models for our younger children. You can find them around on a Sunday morning or midweek afternoons either in the school Office or in a classroom. They have been a wonderful asset to our staff, helping in every capacity. I am really proud of the high level of commitment demonstrated by these fine young people. Despite the complexities of their busy schedules, its wonderful to see how seriously our Toranim take their roles in our school. Our Toranim provide our Congregation with a genuine source of pride and joy. This year's Toranim are:

Samantha Alpert	Matthew Cohen	Noah Levin
Joshua Baer	Craig Dickert	Andrew Lewis
Joshua Berger	Daniel Goldstein	Greg Rosen
Matthew Biderman	Ilana Katronetsky	Matthew Rucko
Keren Brown	Matthew Katz	Zachary Shapiro
Alexander Ciccione	Benjamin Levin	Allison Shultz

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Fran Pearson, Director

It's Been a Wonderful Year!

At this time, I would like to say "Todah Rabah" to our 2004-2005 Parent Advisory Board and to sincerely thank them for their dedication, enthusiasm and commitment. With their support, our school flourished this year.

Parent Advisory Co-Chairs 2004-2005

Hope Peters and Cheryl Hoffman

Parent Advisory Committee Members 2004-2005

Social and Special Events

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Thank you to our Classroom Parents for the 2004-2005 school year.

Brenda Osofsky

April Rosen

Judy Chiarella

Charlene Nass

Shari Berman

Remy Bentivegna

Jill Hudes

Sherry Manzano

Karen Kaye

NURSERY SCHOOL MAY CALENDAR:

Monday, May 2nd – School reopens

Thursday, May 5th – Mother's Day Tea (2's)

Friday, May 6th – Mother's Day Tea (3's and Pre-K)

Thursday, May 12th – Yom Haatzmaut Celebration

Thursday, May 26th – Lag Ba'Omer Picnics (2's)

Friday, May 27th – Lag Ba'Omer Picnics (3's & Pre-K)

Monday, May 30th – School Closed for Memorial Day

Friday, June 10th – Last Day of School

Wednesday, June 15th – Pre-K Graduation, 4:30 pm

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

To state that any branch of Judaism is better than another is divisive. To say that Conservative Judaism is better than Orthodoxy is to claim that my religion is better than my parents' and my grandparents' religion.

To be sure it is different. My grandparents would have looked askance at my driving to shul on the Sabbath or eating in a non-kosher restaurant even if it were only a vegetable plate. My father could translate from the torah directly into Yiddish or English at about the same rate that I read the New York Times, but my forebearers' idea of morality was not much different from mine.

Conservative Judaism to my mind, is a rational way to keep our religion on a modern track and still hold on to our traditional values and to "be a light unto the nations". But that is also the way our Reform and Orthodox siblings see themselves. No one actively participates in religious activities unless he or she feels that this is their best place to be. (Exceptions can be made for those who live too far from a house of worship that would be preferable to them, and must settle for what is convenient or available.)

When we, or anyone for that matter, take the position that ours is the only way to live and worship, we denigrate our brothers and sisters and even our ancestors, who sometimes willingly gave up their lives to protect their religious beliefs as they knew them. Conservative Judaism makes complete sense to me. It is liberal enough to permit each congregation to have the latitude to make certain adjustments and still hold on to halachic traditions. This suits me very well. But to tout my way as the best, inferring that mine is the only true way, then I create another fork in the road away from the unity of the Jewish people.

If we are not careful, if we find it easier to mouth off about coreligionists' views on religion or politics, rather than debate them in a rational manner, we could, someday find ourselves like some other religious groups, so badly splintered that we forget that we are all descended from the same family, and, God forbid, turn on each other. In the past when I entered a Synagogue for the first time, no one ever asked me if I was Orthodox or Conservative or Reform. I pray that no one ever does.

If Judaism is to have a future, we must respect all its people and all of its branches, even if they seem a little strange to us, and strive to have them do the same. I can hear you better when you talk than when you scream.

Aaron Rosloff

Letters to the Hakol are welcome from all congregants, on issues relevant to the local Jewish community. Publishing of letters is subject to space availability.

TEEN TRIP TO ISRAEL



Looking at the itinerary and reading about climbing a mountain at 4 a.m. was (not surprisingly) completely different from *actually* climbing it under the gorgeous night sky. Masada is a much more powerful experience when encountered at an unconventional time of day, as it holds a unique story in Jewish history. You can ask our incredible tour guide about this, the famous Arie Behar, who proved to be highly informative.



Climbing Masada is only a taste of what we experienced in Israel. Arie Behar and Alan Kane helped me as an adolescent to establish roots in a place I only felt existed in text books, the synagogue, and the news. We played frisbee on the beach in Tel Aviv, swam in the Dead Sea, slept on a kibbutz, and climbed mountains and canyons. We didn't just stay in Israel for ten days, we *lived* in Israel for ten days, returning to a home almost every night full of familiar faces that were happy to see us. The culture is colorful and exciting to learn about, and although many aspects are similar to American culture, several are slightly different, like the half-flush option on the toilets. I can speak for the whole group when I say that we made some valuable friendships on this trip. It is *very* cool to be able to say you have friends across the world in the Jewish state, and mean it.

Mara Gittleman



Congregation B'nai Tikvah
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*Victims of Genocide
in Our Times*

27 Nisan 5765

Wednesday, May 4, 2005, 7:30 PM

Congregation B'nai Tikvah

B'NAI TIKVAH YOUTH

KADIMA

Kadima@bnaitikvah.org

Adam Sackett, Advisor
908-889-6008 * adamds73@aol.com

Spring Convention- May 20-22.

It was a busy April for Kadima as we enjoyed a chocolate seder & swim party, a Regional Dance, and Kadima Fun Day. Keep your eye out in the mail for an announcement of May and June events.

Eighth graders are invited to attend all USY events for the rest of the year. Also, any eighth graders interested in running for USY 9th Freshman Representative: you need to send a letter of intent to Audra by May 17. Drop the letter off in the USY mailbox at the Synagogue.

Lastly, we will be having an early sign up incentive for 2005-2006 Kadima. Any Kadima member enrolling by June 30 will receive \$5 off their registration fee.

Register for Encampment!

Encampment is a week-long sleep-away camp which grades 6-12 can attend. A wide range of activities are planned for the week, friendships are made and renewed, and a glorious week is enjoyed by all. 2005 Encampment will be taking place from August 22-29.

Encampment Incentive: Again this year, there is an Encampment incentive for new Encampment attendees from our Kadima and USY groups. Our incentive is:

\$36 off the registration fee for first-time attendees.

Also, a drawing will take place on June 2, where the Encampment attendee who wins have their Encampment registration paid for by the Synagogue. To be eligible you have to be registered for Encampment before the drawing.

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During May we at the North/South Brunswick Chapter of USY would like to announce that Kadima's Eighth graders from the congregation's chapter are invited to attend all of our events!

On the 14th there is a dance,

On the 19th, we are having a Hollywood Squares Night!! Kind of like Tic-Tac-Toe, kind of like Hollywood Squares!!!

Hope to see new faces and welcome the incoming Freshmen!!

-Jason Marx
V.P. Communications 2004-2005

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B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

Sisterhood

Gala Fashion Show

Wednesday, May 18

Don't miss a fun evening with the ladies. Enjoy an evening of delicious food, beautiful fashions, prizes and raffles. Rachel's Boutique of Hidden Lake in North Brunswick is providing the fashions that will be modelled by our own Sisterhood members. Classical Caterers will serve a sumptuous dinner. Local businesses have donated gifts to be raffled or given away. Among the prizes will be theater tickets, manicures, sporting event tickets, electronics, etc. The cost for the evening is \$40 for members and \$45 for non-members. Doors open at 6PM for guests to preview and purchase chances to win the prizes. Dinner and fashion show begin at 6:30PM. Don't miss out. RSVP by May 9th to Ellie Greenbeerg at 732-297-6953.

SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

The gift shop is open Sundays 9:00-11:00AM while religious school is in session. We're busy stocking new inventory for the opening of our new gift shop. Think of us first when you need any kind of hostess gift, b'nai mitzvah, engagement, wedding, etc. Tallit and kippot shopping-no problem. We will be available by appointment on request so don't hesitite to call Deborah Spigner (732-545-8457) or Laurie Waltzer (732-329-9580).

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THANK YOU TO SHALACH MANOT SUPPORTERS AND VOLUNTEERS

Every year, I look forward to the celebration of Purim with mixed thoughts and feelings. While I honor the memory of my father every Purim, the celebratory nature of the holiday often takes over as I marvel at the unique costumes, the excitement in the sanctuary as the Megillah is being read, and the sheer joy of watching the "staging" of the story. As you all know, part of the tradition of Purim includes giving gifts to the poor, eating a special Purim meal, drinking until you know you have had far too much, and the giving of gifts of food to your friends. At B'nai Tikvah, we have another tradition; Sisterhood always sponsors the selling of Shalach Manot. This service to the congregation and major fundraiser was again very successful because of your support. Thirty-seven people/families signed on as "Golden Groggers" and over 300 "purim baskets" were put together and distributed. Part of the profits went to purchase Shalach Manot for Israeli soldiers.

Sisterhood events truly depend on the "help of our friends" and many people came together to help. Thank you to Joyce Gerbman and Phyllis Safeer for ordering food, shopping for everything that went into the boxes, and making sure that there was enough to fill the boxes to the brim. The Hamantashen were delicious and I know the children loved the Purim Pops. Thank you Fern Katronetsky for doing all of the administrative pieces, without your sense of organization, this would be impossible. And to those who stuffed envelopes, put the boxes together and distributed them, and everyone who made phone calls to the recipients, thank you so much for your time and commitment. This includes, Andrea Katz, Lynn Biderman, Ellen and Ed Birch, Joyce and Joel Gerbman, Linda Feinstein, Teresa Samtur, Nila Mason, Ellie and Bill Greenberg, Joella Sperber Jiorle, Gale Dillman, Ann Rosenzweig, Molly Herman, Paul Herman, Laurie Waltzer, and Shelly Wistreich. Thank you Lori Sookerman for bringing in samples of the Passover wine. A special thank you to Hadas and Roz who provided a lot of staff support.

Ruth Anne Koenick, Chair

B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

MEN'S CLUB

Sunday, May 22
Trenton Thunder vs. Harrisburg

Sponsored by Men's Club: \$20 per person, includes ticket, kosher box lunch, soda, and parking. The first 1,000 kids age 5-15 at game get a Boomer T-Shirt

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Thanks to Yellow Candle Volunteers:

Yom HaShoah Yellow Candles have been mailed to all member families by the Men's Club. Please read the yellow letter that has been packed in the box for further instructions.

We would like to thank the following members who assisted us with the task of packing and mailing the many boxes to the membership:

Gary Bergman	Norm Feinstein
Art Biderman	Bill Greenberg
Mark Kasdin	Evan Waltzer
Frank Waltzer	Rachael Shaneson
Al Garten	Wade Leibowitz
Ed Hirsch	

Very special thank yous to Norman Feinstein who provided pick up and delivery service from Springfield, NJ to our Congregation B'nai Tikvah and to Bernie Flashberg, President of the Men's Club at Congregation Beth Am in Springfield who stored our packages and located two bundles that were lost/delayed for our delivery.

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SOCIAL ACTION

Much thanks to Jennifer Shapiro for organizing the Passover Food Drive and for delivering the food to Jewish Family Services. Thanks to all those who donated food to this drive.

Mitzvah Crib

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

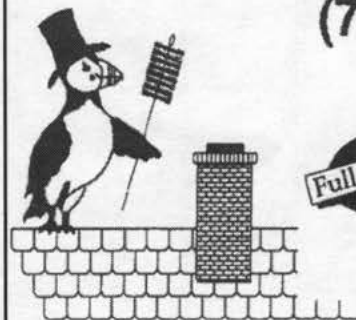
Cell Phone Program

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

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B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

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Our next meeting will be on May 24 at 1 p.m. in the Social Hall of the Synagogue. The program, entitled "*Totally Tea, an 18th century tea experience*" is offered through the Horizon Speakers Bureau of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. It features Stacy Roth, a free-lance museum educator, public speaker, vocalist, and performing artist, specializing in Colonial American Life. This program is being offered free to our members, prospective members, and friends. Guests are welcome.

We will be presenting the proposed slate of officers for the July 2005-June 2007 term. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor. Installation will be held at the June meeting. May is *Older Americans Month* and we will be celebrating with special birthday refreshments honoring our oldest member, Neysa Bibel. Join us for an exciting afternoon.

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From The Webmaster

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Photos

For several years now, we have been posting photos on our website. Some parents have objected and we've removed those images accordingly. Most of the feedback I get is overwhelming positive and I've made some modest attempts to touch-up some of them.

To conserve space on our server, all the photos are of reduced quality. If you like a particular picture, I can send you an uncompressed copy suitable for printing. If you are unhappy with a photo, perhaps because your child had a bad hair-day, I'd be happy to replace it with something better which you could leave in the Webmaster's box or e-mail to Webmaster@BnaiTikvah.org.

60 new pages on the website

Not really. It just looks that way. A few tricks with Cascading Style Sheets, some JavaScript coding, and a lot of trial-and-error, and suddenly our traditional static blue border has come alive with pop-up sub menus. Just run your cursor over the blue index and see all the new pages that were already there.

You're so vain

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at no charge to the congregation.

The faux treif Purim Dinner was a huge success. Over 70 people attended.

On May 4th BT, along with the clergy association, will be holding a Yom Hashoah program.

Personnel: Interviewing for the bookkeeper position continues.

Gary Bergman VP Activities

Website/Communications: To undermine new robot software that scans websites to glean phone numbers for telemarketers, have taken steps to recode all phone numbers on the website, using JavaScript to render them programmatically unreadable.

There are now over 380 subscribers to our weekly CBT Newsletter. However, only a small percentage of members have registered their subscription using a Yahoo-id. A Yahoo-id is required for members who wish to view the Board's Minutes which are stored online at: groups.yahoo.com/group/btannounce/files

Hakol: Paul & Nancy Zankel continue to produce an outstanding publication for our members. They often find it frustrating, however, when submission guidelines aren't followed. In order to keep costs down (both for mailing and production), it is most important that flyers and handouts to be mailed with the Hakol, be submitted by the 15th of the month to the Hakol Editors, *and not to the synagogue office at the last minute*. If you also submit your forms to the Webmaster, I will make them available online.

Adult Education: Thanks to the hard working members of our Adult Education committee, we've had one of best attended seasons in years. A few weeks ago, Dr. Jeff Shandler was setting up for his presentation when we barely had enough people for Minyan. Miraculously, at 7:55pm people started pouring in (literally with the rain) and we had over 50 attendees for the evening. Based on emails I've received from a few non-members, I anticipate Rabbi Eligberg's sessions on "How to Spice Up Your Seder" to continue to bring in the crowds this month.

Due to the holidays and personal schedules of both teacher and students, Larry Cohen's class on "Reading Hebrew" is being extended a few weeks.

Cindy Gittleman VP Membership

Chai Member's Club: The opening event for the Chai Member's Club will take place on May 15th. It will be a social evening to kick off this new membership group. 136 families will be invited to attend. The hope is to keep our members active who have been longtime members of the synagogue.

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. For a copy of this list to invite prospects to a synagogue event, please contact Cindy Gittleman.

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"A Very Sweet Oneg Shabbat": Membership will host the Friday night Oneg Shabbat on June 24th to say "Thank You" to the many, many members of our synagogue who have helped over the past 25 years keep B'nai Tikvah full of activity and community spirit. This invitation will be in the May Hakol and combined with the 2005 Installation of new officers for the synagogue.

Mitch Frumkin Past President

Feedback Committee: The Feedback Committee has not met as we have not received any feedback from the Congregation although we have been advertising in Hakol.

Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee has met a number of times and will be presenting the following slate for the next Executive Committee at the Congregational Meeting. We are meeting again at the end of April to work on our recommendations for the open Board positions. If anyone has any suggestions, please let me know.

Proposed Slate for EC

President	Dan Greenberg
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VP School and Youth	Jeff Cadoff
VP Membership	Ruth Ann Koenig
VP Ways and Means	Mark Sherman

Construction:

Current Status of budgeted items:

1. Masonry	99%
2. HVAC	95%
3. Electrical	99%

4. Plumbing	90%
5. Windows and Exterior Doors	100%
6. Fire Protection System	95%
7. EIFS (stucco exterior)	90%
8. Steel studs and drywall	99%
9. Miscellaneous iron work	100%
10. Ceilings	100%
All ceilings in except MPR	
11. Bathroom partitions ready to install	0%
12. Flooring (except MP room)	50%
13. MP room flooring in process	0%
14. Painting	99%
15. MP Room door installed and ready for electrical	99%
16. Classroom accordion door	100%
17. Barrier free lift	100%
18. Gas line	100%
19. Basketball hoops	100%

The heat is on for all of the building. The vinyl flooring has been installed in all classrooms and should be finished in all areas except the entrance area by the April 8th. The stage floor has been installed and needs to be sanded and finished. The handicap ramp adjacent to the stage has been installed. The ceramic tile in the bathrooms has been installed and the bathroom fixtures and counter tops have been delivered. The water connection at the rear of the building was finalized this past week. The sprinkler system is complete and has been pressure tested. The HVAC system is complete and is being balanced. It has been determined that the fire detection system cost was not included in the original contractor's budget. This work has been awarded to ADT security and is being installed.

Mark Sherman VP Ways And Means

Supermarket Scrip & Retail Scrip: Marc Binder is leading the charge on selling the scrip. It's a big job, too much for one person. Thank you to those who have stepped up to help, but we need a few more volunteers. We are aware of the issues going on in the program and have fixed the inventory problem, but we still need people to help! We are making money despite these issues.

25th Anniversary Celebration: This year's event was a HUGE Success. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets, sold ads, and made this happen. Thank you Gary Warner for chairing the event. I believe everyone had a great time and we raised money. We have raised in excess of \$25,000, after budgeting money for a congregational grand opening event in the fall. I look forward to next year's event and your continued support.

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.

E-Bay: Bonnie Kudwitt has volunteered to run this fund raiser, selling donated items on E-bay. This has big earning potential. If you have any questions or you want to help, E-mail Bonnie at Ebay@bnaitikvah.org.

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