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Our New Wing is Open!

Above: A big crowd gathered for the conclusion of September's Spirit Week grand opening activities, including a concert by the Sons of Tikvah Band. Right: Activities Vice President Cindy Gittleman prays at the "Kotel" in the Multipurpose Room of our new wing. Photos by Cantor Rockman.



Pray, Play & Pray

Basketball with the Rabbi & Cantor for JC Credit!

Saturday Nov 12
4:15 pm
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Luncheon Honoring CAROL WINTER

For 20 Years as a
Nursery School Teacher

Sunday Nov. 20
1:00 pm

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THANKSGIVING INTERFAITH SERVICE

Sunday, Nov. 20
7:00 pm

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RABBI ELIGBERG SPEAKS

Dear Haverim,

"Or, it could have ended like this." That was how the makers of the movie Clue introduced the alternative endings to their whodunit mystery. Along those lines, I would like to give you an alternative ending to the sermon I gave on the first day of Rosh Hashanah. As you may recall, I introduced you to an entire team of Jewish super heroes:

Shofar, whose piercing blasts of sound disorient villains.

Minyan, who can create nine copies of himself, enabling him to outnumber his arch-enemies, and always be sure of having a quorum for prayer.

The Kotel. Found in the tunnels under the Temple Mount, this living rock appears ageless and indestructible but loses strength as he moves farther from Jerusalem.

Matza Ball hurls energy plasma balls that cause his enemies to either float or sink.

Shamash uses his ability to create and control fire to prevent forest fires and protect the environment.

Magen Avraham (Shield of Abraham) wields an unbreakable shield bearing the Divine Name in pursuit of justice.

The Tallit. Wrapped in his remarkable prayer shawl whose tsitsit can stretch to great lengths to ensnare evildoers.

Ner Tamid, an energy matrix that draws power from the mystical kabbalistic spheres to serve humanity.

Barak, whose ability to control the weather allows her to harness the forces of nature in the battle against evil.

The Bubbe, also known as the Geriatric Avenger relies on the contents of her Utility Apron - Marmor spray incapacitates enemies; Quick-drying Haroset stops foes in their tracks; Super-absorbant Sponge Cake drains opponents energy; and Chicken Soup Anti-toxin - in her quest to perfect the world.

Lulav, vibrates to create waves of energy that overwhelm villains.

Etrog, breaks off the pitom to activate small concussive grenades that stun opponents and leave them smelling lemony fresh.

What is it about super heroes that gives them their enduring popularity? Why do young children tie towels around their necks and pretend to fly? Or stage ninja turtle battles in the family room? What draws us to more vicarious means of simulating superpowers such as computer and role playing games, reading comic books or watching movies?

NPR Commentator John Hodgman, in a This American Life segment entitled "Invisible Man vs. Hawkman" discovered to his dismay that the motivation was purely selfish. Interviewees all demonstrated envy for superpowers, especially those of flight and invisibility. Not a single person interviewed indicated that they would use their powers to help others; they would only help themselves.

I would like to suggest a more positive reason for the enduring allure of superheroes. Superheroes represent ideals to which we all aspire. They reflect a selfless commitment to do-

THANKSGIVING INTERFAITH SERVICE November 20th, 7:00 pm

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For further info,
contact the Synagogue Office

ing good in the world, not in pursuit of reward, but as a recognition that their powers and abilities demand that they be used in the service of others.

In recent weeks, the natural disasters that have affected the Gulf coast have given us many examples of heroic behavior. No acts of superhuman strength. No exercises of cosmic

powers. No expressions of . Just ordinary human beings doing their best to help others in incredibly trying conditions. Average people demonstrating extraordinary compassion and kindness to others in desperate need. Men and women who recognized that they could make a difference by simply doing what was within their power.

In Pirke Ayot we read, "When there are no worthy persons, strive to be a worthy person." The Sages understood this as a challenge to each of us to do our best; to fulfill our potential, to rise to the occasion. They

suggested three ways to meet this challenge.

"In a place where there are no people to assume responsibility for communal affairs, try to be the person [who takes on that responsibility]." Our community is blessed with many people who have taken on the mantle of leadership but we need everyone to step up so that we can accomplish all the goals and meet all the dreams that we have for ourselves.

"If there are no people to study Torah with or from - then study Torah on your own to the best of your ability so that you will be a person versed in Jewish tradition." We live in an era where the study of Torah is easier than it has ever been. Technology has made it possible for us to always find partners in study. The only requirement is that we make the commitment to pursue our studies.

"In a place where there are not many Jews, do not hesitate to be recognized as a Jew." Perhaps the greatest challenge is to accept being recognized as different. To live by a different calendar, to observe holidays that are out of the mainstream, to assert our Jewishness with pride, those are expressions of Jewish personhood that our youth need to see. Those are what real Jewish heroes look like. They live their Jewish commitments visibly and with pride, serving God, the Jewish people and the world.

With blessings,
Rabbi David M. Eligberg

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Tishre/Heshvan Dates in History

30 Tishre - Hadoar, the first Hebrew daily newspaper in America, appeared on November 1, 1921.

4 Heshvan - The oldest existing tombstone in New York stands in the Spanish and Portuguese cemetery on the Bowery at the grave of Benjamin Bueno de Mesquita, who died on October 24, 1683.

5 Heshvan - On November 5, 1655, Jacob Barsimson and Asser Levy of New Amsterdam petitioned for the right to stand guard and be relieved of the special tax imposed on Jews in lieu of guard duty.

10 Heshvan - Asser Levy was granted a butcher's license on October 15, 1660. The supply of kosher meat in New Amsterdam was thus assured.

11 Heshvan - Abraham D. Beame, the first Jewish mayor of New York City, was elected on November 6, 1973.

13 Heshvan - The first Jewish prayerbook printed in America was published on October 23, 1760.

16 Heshvan - General Ulysses S. Grant, on November 9, 1862, issued the first in a series of orders barring Jews from entering the military department under his command.

17 Heshvan - Rabbi Sabato Morais, one of the founders of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and its first president, died on November 12, 1897.

19 Heshvan - The first B'nai B'rith lodge was organized on November 12, 1843 in New York.

20 Heshvan - On November 4, 1974, Richard Stone was elected U.S. senator from Florida. He was the first Jewish senator from a southern state since the Civil War.

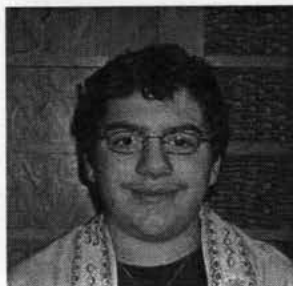
23 Heshvan - The American Jewish Committee was organized on November 11, 1906. The objectives of the American Jewish Committee were "to prevent the infraction of the civil and religious rights of Jews, to alleviate the consequences of persecution, and to afford relief from calamities affecting Jews."

Defense of civil rights and welfare were the major causes which stimulated American Jewish communal activities in the 19th century. The board of Delegates of American Israelites, the first Jewish communal public-relations body, was organized in 1859 for the purpose of defending Jewish civil rights throughout the world. The Russian pogroms of 1903-1905 led to the formation of the American Jewish Committee. World War I led to the formation of the Joint Distribution Committee and the American Jewish Congress.

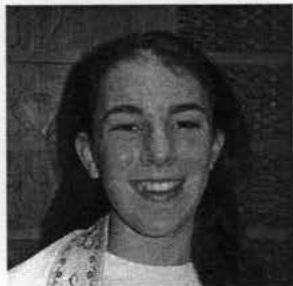
24 Heshvan - Kehillath Anshe Ma'arav (K.A.M.), the first Jewish congregation in Chicago, was established on November 3, 1847.

26 Heshvan - The first anti-Semitic attack over a radio network in the U.S. was broadcast by Father Coughlin on November 20, 1938.

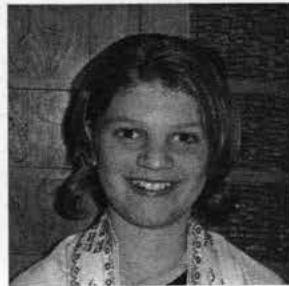
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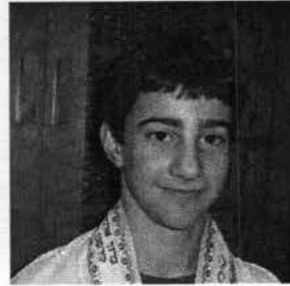
Steven Birch
Nov. 5
Ed & Ellen Birch



Leah Runyon
Nov. 12
Eliot & Elaine Runyon



Jacob Weinreb
Nov. 19
Steven & Sharon Weinreb



Jesse Talmud
Nov. 26
Steven & Shelly Talmud

OUR HAZZAN'S VOICE Cantor Bruce Rockman

It Rained on Yom Kippur

I heard so many people say they don't ever recall such a rainy Yom Kippur.

Perspective, keep it in perspective, that's what I kept telling myself as I cleaned-up the flood that the Yom Kippur rains created in our basement. The damage was not terrible. We lost a three week old hot water heater, some posters and children's books were soaked, the carpet smells and our bookcases and cabinets are a little warped and soggy.

Hopefully our insurance will cover the most of the cost of the damage. Still, you can't imagine how upset I was when I discovered the mess in our basement. Or maybe you can, because you've had a similar experience.

Birkat Ha-Gomel is... *"recited by one who has recovered from a serious illness, returned from a long journey, or survived a life-threatening crisis (including child-birth)."* If you have had such an experience, you can request an opportunity to receive an aliyah and recite this blessing of gratitude to God.

Praised are You Adonai our God, who rules the universe, showing goodness to us beyond our merits and bestowing favor on me.

Retired Rabbi Isidoro Aizenberg was recently asked to lead the High Holiday services for Biloxi's Beth Israel Congregation. Devastated by Hurricane Katrina, their synagogue was destroyed and relocated to a chapel at the local Air Force base. During the service Rabbi Aizenberg recounted, "As a congregational rabbi for three decades I often witnessed people asking to say the Birkat Ha'Gomel,...But in all those years I was never part of a community where all its members stood up to recite this blessing in unison..."

For as long as I can remember I have asked in the course of our services "Who shall live and who shall die? Who by fire and who by water?" But never before did these words affect me with such profound poignancy. While joining in the U'Netaneh Tokef I continued asking myself, "And who in the congregation lost their home and who did not? And who is despairing and who has gained the strength to rebuild? And who is asking if there is a God in the world and who has been left with faith unscathed?" I don't have answers to these questions. What I do hope, however, is that by our presence and by joining the community in the High Holiday prayers, we offered this congregation a measure of emotional support and the validation of the millennial principle that all Israel are responsible one for another."

A second conservative congregation was nearly destroyed by the hurricane. Shir Chadash in Mataire, Louisiana, just outside New Orleans, was flooded with more than 12 inches of water by Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath, and just about everything the water touched was destroyed. Newly appointed Rabbi Ted Lichtenfeld has helped lead this congregation through its loss. Although they temporarily relocated to Houston for

Rosh Hashanah the community was able to worship in their own synagogue for Yom Kippur. Rabbi Lichtenfeld has roots in our community and has been shuttling between New Jersey and Louisiana. Ted and his wife Miriam are about to become parents for the second time. The family is currently living in East Brunswick with her parents as they await the blessed event. Miriam is also a Rabbi and has taught adult classes at

B'nai Tikvah. We can only imagine the stress the affected families are experiencing. What can we do? The obvious is to give money and thank God for our good fortune. Keep life in perspective. I'll still get upset if my basement floods again, but I will also remember that there are so many with much greater challenges. I promise to help those who are less fortunate than I. We all know that we can do more! The monumental losses felt around the world do not make our personal problems and losses less consequential. But participating in the recovery of the victims will make our lives more meaningful and help us fulfill our responsibility and our destiny as a Jews, the children of Israel.

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

You can read more about the effected communities and make donations for hurricane relief at [www.http://uscj.org/](http://uscj.org/)

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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**

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dan Greenberg

As the parents of three kids, Caryl and I constantly care about where they are and what they are up to. With one teenager, one almost teen, and one eight year old, it's not always easy to ensure their well-being in today's day and age. So, like many other parents, we invade their privacy – by checking where they surf on the internet, who they're hanging out with and who's around when they go over to other people's homes. They know we do it out of love, and while we trust our kids implicitly, to quote Ronald Reagan, "Trust but verify."

When our kids are hanging out at B'nai Tikvah though, we can let our guard down. When Josh is at a USY event, or Kira is doing something with Kadimah, we know that they're having a good time, and we know they're in good hands. USY offers programs for kids in high school; Kadimah is the USY branch geared to those in sixth through eighth grades.

United Synagogue Youth in an international organization that actually started in Minneapolis in 1950 and since its birth 55 years ago, it has grown to encompass over 400 chapters across the United States and Canada. Its aim is a simple one: bring together the Jewish people, the synagogue, and the Jewish teenager. But like they say on their website, USY is the place to have fun, expand your mind, grow as a person, learn, make the friends that will last a life time, and experience an atmosphere that is unmatched by any other.

B'nai Tikvah is in the 'Hagalil' region, which encompasses Northern New Jersey. It is a very active and dedicated region, with both local and regional events happening all the time. The range of activities that are offered at Kadimah and USY is incredible: dances, pizza parties, ice cream nights, shabbatons, movies and a whole lot more.

Until a few months ago, our 'youth lounge' shared space with our chapel, meeting room, and chair storage space. It pretty much consisted of a couch on the back wall of the room. But, as part of the construction of the new wing, we now have a new, enlarged, dedicated youth lounge. Located in the old school wing, it boasts plenty of space, a big-screen TV, air hockey table, jukebox, and lots of comfortable chairs. It is truly a room for our kids – USY members even took it on themselves to paint it.

So, if your kids aren't already members, encourage them to get in touch with Audra Lifson and Rachel Sakofy, our terrific USY and Kadimah advisors. You will find their contact info on the directory page in every issue of Hakol. And if your kids are members, encourage them to show up – at CBT and at regional events.

Get your kids involved – they'll have a great time!

Danny Greenberg

College Student Away from Home?

The College Committee sends holiday packages to your sons and daughters on campus. To include your student in this program, contact Marcia Schwartz.

Any questions? Want to join the committee? Please call Marcia A. Schwartz (732-297-6365) marcia.schwartz@bnaitikvah.org

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Education Presents:

Wednesday, November 9th

8:00 pm in the Kiddush Room

"Kinder Transport"

Lecture by Gertrude Dubrovsky, author of *Six from Leipzig*, the story of children who were placed on the kinder transport bound for England during the Holocaust. This program will commemorate the anniversary of Kristalnacht.

There will be light refreshments served, and an opportunity to purchase a signed copy of *Six From Leipzig*.

Sunday, November 20th

a tour of

Beth Shalom, Elkins Park, Pa.
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See the flyer mailed with this issue of Hakol to sign up.



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A MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

Ruth Anne Koenick, VP Membership

Mazel Tov to...

Arlene and Arthur Cedarbaum
on the marriage of their son Robert to Lisa Rybold.

Marcel and Janet Szpiro

on the birth of their grandson.

George and Renee Radoczys

on the naming of their daughter Jaiden

Gwen and Philip Simon

on the naming of their Granddaughter Jaiden.

Cheryl and Steven Goldstein

on their son Cody's Bar Mitzvah.

Felice and Joseph Ciccione

on their son Joshua's Bar Mitzvah.

Susann and Kevin Krane

on the naming of their daughter Reese.

Audrey and Scott Sudran

on their son Andrew's Bar Mitzvah.

Bonnie and Marc Eisenberg

on their daughter Rebecca's Bat Mitzvah.

Lisa and Leon Suttner

on their daughter Leah's Bat Mitzvah.

Adrienne and Bruce Rogove

on the bar mitzvah of their son Michael.

We welcome new members Syndi and Douglas Smoller.

Syndi is a full time mother to their two children, Mason who is 3 and Rebecca who is 1. Doug is director of account planning and promotion for TV marketing and advertising. When they moved to East Brunswick, a family friend told them about B'nai Tikvah. Syndi joined the Mommy and Me program with Mason and met a great bunch of people. They joined B'nai Tikvah because of the people and felt that it was a warm and inviting place.

Heartfelt Condolences to:

Bill Halpern

on the death of his father, Meyer.

Phyllis Rich

on the death of her brother

Norman Shapiro

on the death of his cousin, Stephen Reites

Martha Rotter

on the death of her husband, Herman

Aaron Rosloff

THE OFFICE VOICE

Nitsat Hadas Elami, Administrative Director

Although the High Holidays will be behind us by the time you read this article, I would like to take this opportunity and thank all the members who made it possible.

When you arrived for services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, what you saw was the wrapping on the package. What you didn't see were all the preparations and time that went into the package to make everything look festive and for everything to run smoothly.

At the time when most people are just starting their Summer vacations, we at the office start preparing for the High Holidays. This year, we were lucky - the High Holidays were later than usual. On the other hand, we had the additional tasks of preparing the New Wing for the Grand Opening.

We began with all the items that are not time sensitive such as copying and cutting the tickets, preparing the covers for the Memorial Book, preparing the High Holidays pledge cards and any other forms that can be prepared and copied in advance. The High Holidays pledge cards must be stuffed in envelopes with the name of the member on the outside as well as the inside and then kept in alphabetical order.

Our next step was to mail out different forms to the members of the Congregation. For example, some of these forms are the order forms for the Memorial Plaques and the Memorial Books. As the Memorial plaque orders are received, they are faxed to the company that does the engraving. It takes 6-8 weeks for the engraving company to prepare the Memorial Plaques. For them to be ready by the High Holidays, we must fax them by a specific deadline. The Memorial Books are prepared mostly in-house. There is a lot of work involved in putting all the information together, editing it properly and proofing it.

The next stage in the preparations is setting deadlines and preparing lists for the distribution of the tickets. Envelopes were stuffed with the correct number of tickets for each family.

About 4-5 weeks prior to the Holidays we started working on the physical preparations of the building and the arrangements for the services. We contacted the North and South Brunswick Police departments regarding traffic arrangements, a personnel company regarding the people we hire to check the tickets, and ordered the special white Kippot we use on the High Holidays. I am sure that there were few more items I forgot to mention here.

As the Holidays got closer, there was less to prepare. At this point, we made sure that everything and everyone would arrive on time, resolved unexpected problems and primarily answered a lot of phone calls from congregants with questions regarding their tickets, guest tickets and any other issues that may arise. Since the attendance at services during the High Holidays is so high, there are many more questions than usual.

On the Sunday before Rosh Hashanah, we started actually setting up the chairs, stacking the High Holiday Siddurim, setting up the Baby Sitting Classrooms and changed the appearance of the Sanctuary and the Ark. We also per-

formed the last minute system checks to ensure that everything was working properly. It was only 5 years ago that, after checking all the systems more than once, we found that the Rabbi's microphone was not working during the final sound test on the evening of Rosh Hashanah! We were able to fix it but it was a close call.

We at the office couldn't possibly get all this ready for the Holidays without the help of numerous volunteers. We are thankful to anybody and everybody who helped!! Those who stuffed envelopes, those who cut cards, and those who helped us mail the HaKol out in the middle of all this. There are also those volunteers who were here on Sunday morning before Rosh Hashanah to set up the chairs and the books and those who were here the same Sunday morning to clean the Ark, change the Torah mantles and polish the Silver. There are far too many to mention them all here by name and I am sure I would not be able to do it without omitting one or two people, which I wouldn't like to do. We at the office know who you are and appreciate your help more than you think!

So the next time you attend and take part in the High Holidays services, please don't take it all for granted. Please think about all that is involved in preparing for this special time and give silent thanks to the many volunteers who worked to make the High Holidays services so special for all of us.

EBAY FUNDRAISING PROGRAM:

**Gather up your cool stuff
that we can sell on eBay.
Donate it to the Synagogue.
We'll sell it on eBay. It's that simple.**

If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Kudwitt at: ebay@bnaitikvah.org. Bonnie will manage the auctioning of donated items. Please bring the items to the office during office hours so we will be able to keep a list of the donations.



ISRAEL TASKFORCE Alan Kane, Chairperson



Thirty four year old Tali Hatuel, the mother of four daughters, was eight months pregnant with her first son. On the morning of May 2, 2004, she was on her way from her home in the settlement of Katif, in the Gaza Strip, to Ashkelon, to protest Prime Minister Sharon's disengagement plan.

Tali, like many of the settlers in the West Bank and Gaza, was involved in a campaign to go door to door in Israel to convince Likud governing party members to vote NO in the upcoming referendum. Her husband David, the principal of a high school in Ashkelon, was planning to meet his family so together they would make their views known.

Minutes after she left the settlement gate in her white Citroen, with her daughters Hila, 11; Hadar, 9; Roni, 7 and Meirav, 2, a roadside bomb exploded near her car, wounding the passengers. Two terrorists from the Islamic Jihad approached the stalled vehicle and shot, execution style, each of the occupants of the vehicle – a pregnant mother and, one by one, each of her four daughters.

A group of Israeli soldiers on patrol heard the shots and came running. They engaged the two terrorists in a brief gun battle and killed them both.

Over the past five years, we have heard hundreds of similar stories. In addition to the almost two thousand Israeli citizens who have lost their lives in this recent intifada, we sometimes forget the nearly twelve thousand who were injured, many with substantial, life changing losses – the loss of an eye, an arm or leg – the loss of a dance at a child's wedding, the loss of seeing or holding a new grandchild. These injuries have strained Israel's infrastructure: the medical costs; disability costs, and loss of income due to decreased productivity.

The recent intifata has handicapped the Israeli economy. In addition to the increased security costs associated with the intifata, and decrease in revenue from tourism as a result; Israel has a new bill to pay – the relocation of nine thousand settlers from Gaza. The settlers each need a new home, and means to earn a living. We all saw the pictures of Israeli soldiers and police dragging settlers from their homes. Now these settlers need to start

over and build new lives.

Removing the Jewish communities from the Gaza Strip and northern Samaria means:

- 42 day-care centers, 36 kindergartens, seven elementary schools, and three high schools have been closed
- 5,000 schoolchildren have started the school year in new schools
- 38 synagogues have been dismantled
- 166 Israeli farmers have lost their livelihoods - plus some 5,000 of their Palestinian workers
- 48 graves in the Gush Katif Cemetery, including those of six residents murdered by terrorists, were exhumed and moved to Israel.

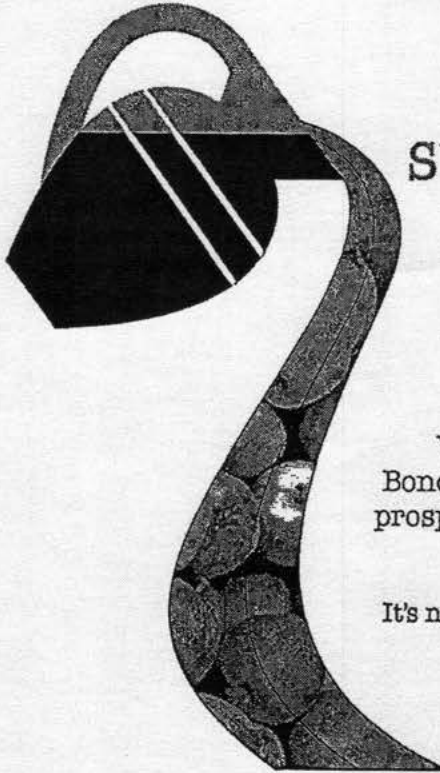
Disengagement will cost Israel an estimated \$2 billion - about 3.5 percent of the 2005 state budget.

The cost of family relocation alone is estimated to be nearly \$1 billion. This will come from an annual state budget of about \$59 billion.

■ In addition, the IDF will spend some \$500 million to remove military bases and equipment from the Gaza Strip.

■ To cite just one example, the demolition and removal of rubble from some 3,000 homes and public buildings will cost an estimated \$25 million.

■ In the context of Israel's 2005 state budget, the estimated \$2b. cost of disen-



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ISRAEL TASKFORCE *continued*

agement is equivalent to about half the country's annual health budget or approximately one third of the budget for education.

This Rosh Hashana morning we have to ask ourselves, who is going to pay to rehabilitate David Hatuel's life – the father who lost his entire family that day? Who is going to pay for the construction of what many call the "Life Saving Fence" – the security fence that surrounds the Gaza Strip and the West Bank? Who is going to pay to resettle the Israelis who were forced to leave Gaza?

Prior to the disengagement the American government promised Israel \$2 billion to pay for the cost of removing and resettling those in Gaza. Now, after the devastating hurricanes that hit New Orleans and the gulf coast, the American government has told Israel that they are unable to deliver on the promise at this time. Israel's citizens are already strained by paying taxes of almost 60% of their income and struggling with an economy damaged by the intifata. Recent surveys show that a

third of Israel's citizens live below the poverty line.

I believe that Israelis are our brethren, as are all Jews around the world. In a time of need, families help each other. It is time for us to help our brothers and sisters in Israel.

The Israel Bond program is not charity, it is an investment in the future of Israel.

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time and in full. Recently the State of NJ bought \$10 million of Israeli Bonds as an investment for New Jersey Common Pension fund.

One of the new instruments that some members of BT have already taken advantage of is a line of credit of \$150,000 that each of us can give the State of Israel. For a commitment of \$750 a year for five years, Wachovia bank will lend Israel \$150,000 for five years.

This Rosh Hashana I would like you to think with your heart. Each one of us received an envelop as we came in this morning. Inside you will find a card describing several Israel Bonds investment opportunities. Please select an option and fold down the corresponding tab.

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CONGREGATION EVENTS AND INFO

A Big THANK YOU

To:

There's lots of running around. Did that person arrive in time for the honor that was assigned? Did that other person pick up their honor card, or do we need to track him down? Is the camera set up and on so that the auxiliary sanctuary is wired and ready with the TV? Is the food all set for break fast? Are the Mahzors set out and neat? Are the tallitot hanging neatly? Are the security people in place, ushers all ready? Does everyone who offered to sit on the bima really remember what time to be there?

These are just a few of the questions facing the many people who worked so hard to make Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah services run smoothly. What goes on behind the scenes is an overwhelming task. The majority of our congregants show up for services without ever knowing what goes on to make this all happen. But it doesn't just happen by magic. Getting ready for the holidays starts months in advance with many meetings, emails and details, details, details.

I would now like to take this opportunity to thank those people who made our High Holiday services go on without a hitch. Thanks to everyone and if I forgot to mention you, please forgive me and let me know!!

First and foremost, Marc Binder, who delegated many responsibilities this year so that he was not running around during services as he has in the past, and who actually sat down this year. Then, in no particular order:

Doug Chin, Beth Miller, Rene'e Levin, Marci Oslick, Phil Welsher, Ben Gottesman, Mark Jiorle, Barry Safeer, Benjy Levin, Noah Levin, Josh Greenberg, Sarah Safeer, Howard Nass, Mark Sherman, Nancy and Mark Tabak, Martin Zweig, Herb Mars, Ken Wistreich, Lenny Benzilio, Gabu Benzilio, Steven Kfare, Colleen Snow, Joshua Safeer, Gary Bergman, Danny Greenberg, Larry Cohen, Barbara Bergman, Joe Grodman, Marty Abschutz, Caren Abschutz, Frank WALTER, Ann Kanarek, Ruth Anne Koenick, Al Garten, Naomi Jackenthal, Hope Peters, Ann Rosenzweig, the Religious Activities Committee and of course everyone who ushered. These people volunteered their time and expertise to make our holidays so enjoyable.

Bobbi Binder

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FAMILY SHABBAT DINNER

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Friday, November 18th
6pm

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Hakol to RSVP.**

CONGREGATION EVENTS AND INFO

From The Webmaster

Need a "Refresh"?

Sometimes we make changes to the website that don't appear on your screen.

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To be sure you're getting the latest version of a web page, refresh your browser's cache by simply hitting the F5 key. It may take a few seconds longer but, having the most current information is more important than loading it faster.

*Regards,
webmaster@bnaitikvah.org*

*Computers are not intelligent.
They only think they are.*

It's Official

It used to be that the webmaster was the only source (record keeper) of all email addresses for the congregation. But, now the office database has been updated and they are the official record holders. So, if there are any changes or additions to your email address, you should now notify office@bnaitikvah.org directly.

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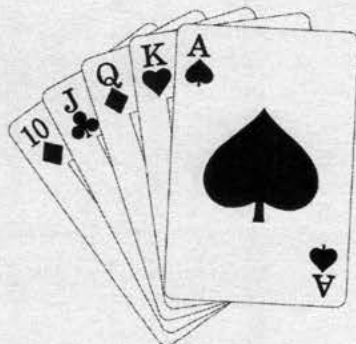
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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS

Ann Kanarek, Director

NOVEMBER IS JEWISH BOOK MONTH

From the earliest times we have been known as the *People of the Book*. The written word, whether from our sacred texts or other sources, has always been important. One of the most positive things we can do for our children's development is to instill the beauty and excitement of reading, both for knowledge and for pleasure.

Having a Jewish library in your own home makes a statement to your child that books are important. A Bible, Hebrew texts, a Siddur, stories about our ancestors and the holidays are all significant additions to any home library.

Here at B'nai Tikvah, we not only acknowledge the influence of books, we help you to begin that library. In addition to the books that your child uses in the classroom and then takes home, we make the purchase of children's books an enjoyable task by holding an annual book fair.

Through your efforts, the Jewish people will remain the People of the Book. Please take the opportunity to browse and buy Judaic reading material; visit our Jewish Book Fair on Sunday, November 20 through Thursday, December 8.

JEWISH BOOK FAIR

Sunday, November 20
(9:00am-12:05pm)

Monday, November 21 - Thursday, December 8
(4:00pm-6:00pm)

Sunday, December 4
(9:00am-12:05pm)

MEET AUTHOR & GUEST SPEAKER ROBIN LEVINSON

We are delighted to be able to bring *Robin Levinson* to our school on Sunday, December 4. Ms. Levinson is a professional journalist and an award winning author. Her new book, *Miriam's Journey* marks her debut in children's fiction. This story is the first of the "Gali Girls" series and is part of a very inspirational and thought provoking collection of Jewish history books. The first of the "Gali Girls" stories weaves together Jewish history, Jewish values, fascinating characters and unexpected adventures. It is designed to captivate and educate the young reader. Our young readers will be fascinated by her stories of warmth and adventure as they learn about our Jewish community.

Everyone is invited to meet *Robin Levinson* and spend the morning with her as we celebrate Jewish Book Month with her visit. The author will present three workshops for our alef to dalet classes. Ms. Levinson's book, *MIRIAM'S JOURNEY: Discovering a New World* (hot off the press) will be available for purchase and for signing.

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A special thanks to the families who donate to the **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL EDUCATION FUND** on an ongoing basis and to all of you who will support our Chanukah flames project that will help to sponsor this program.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REMINDERS

**Thursday, November 10 and
Sunday, November 13:** NO SCHOOL,
NJEA Conference

Sunday, November 20: Hei Class: C.A.F.E. (Cultural Arts For Enrichment) Program: *Mezuzot*

**Sunday, November 20 -
Thursday, December 8:** Jewish Book Fair

Wednesday, November 23: NO SCHOOL,
Erev Thanksgiving

**Thursday, November 24 and
Sunday, November 27:** *Thanksgiving weekend*

Sunday, December 4: Jewish Book Month author and guest speaker *Robin Levinson* (9:00am-12:05pm) Chai School special program with guest artist *Avi Zuckerman* (10:00am)

Sunday, December 11: Hei PACT program: Tallit making workshop

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS



Nursery School students painting their own Sukkah

Boy have we been busy! This month we had our very first soccer lesson with Spencer Rockman. The yiladeem (the word for children in Hebrew) learned how to balance while resting one foot on the ball. They also learned soccer songs. What a workout!

The children also had yoga with Jul. In the Nursery we take care of our children's bodies and souls.

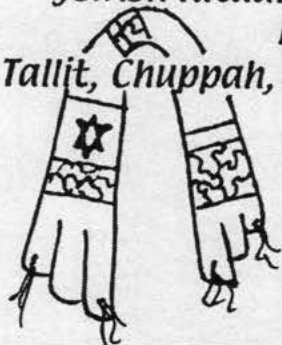
We made miniature sukkot and decorations. In the pre-k room, there is a life sized Sukkah. The pre-K painted and decorated it themselves. Everyone also made decorations for the shul sukkah. Each class made a fruit salad and ate it in the sukkah. They made sure to say all the proper brachot (blessings). Lunch was eaten in the sukkah too. Lulavim were shaken and the fragrance of the etrogim was everywhere.

We made flags for Simchat Torah and marched around with them. The yiladeem went into the Sanctuary and were shown what a real torah looks like. We finish reading the Torah on Simchat Torah and then we start all over again!

Our school was filled with animals the week of Parshat Noach (Noah). Howie Berkowitz came from Pets Pets Pets with an "ark" full of animals. The children enjoyed petting them.

Phyllis G. Denenberg

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Audra Lifson, Advisor

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North/South Brunswick USY has been off to a great start! We've had some really cool regional and chapter events. Everyone who attended Opening Dance had an awesome time. Yasher Koach to all that led or read at the first USY Shabbat service. You all did a wonderful job. Pizza in the Hut was also a success. Everyone had a lot of fun hanging out with their friends in the sukkah eating and chatting.

On behalf of the USY board and our advisor, I would like to thank everyone who donated food for our annual food drive. It was very successful and we are proud of all of the food we collected. The food pantry was very appreciative of the synagogue's generosity.

In November, we have HaGalil's Fall Kinnus to look forward to! Kinnus takes place November 18-20. You will receive information regarding timing after you send in your application. This year, it will take place in Marlboro, New Jersey. Hope to see tons of our chapter's members there. It's going to be a great weekend!

USYers, keep an eye out for e-mails and the monthly flyer for information about any events. If you have any questions, e-mail me at themer100@verizon.net.

Can't wait to see you at our events!!

Meryl Surks

Communications VP 05-06



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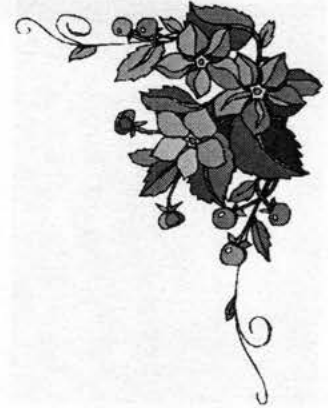
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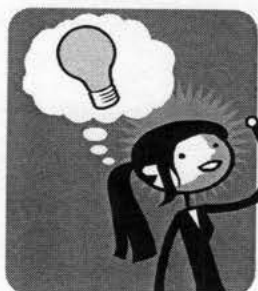
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B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

Sisterhood

Got a good idea? We need your help!



A goal of Sisterhood is to support the Synagogue with financial contributions. In order to meet this goal, we hold various fund-raising activities and projects throughout the year.

When you order Purim Baskets, Passover Wine, and Flowers for Rosh Hashanna, or Mah Jongg Cards, you help us help B'nai Tik-

vah. Our Fashion Shows are successful fund-raising events. Shopping in the beautiful new Sisterhood Judaica Gift Shop will be another main source of income.

Here's where you come in! These activities are all fine and will continue. However, we would like to shake things up a bit and come up with new ways to raise funds. What ideas do you have (or have heard about from relatives and/or friends at other Synagogues) that you can share with us?

Great things happen when we work together. Please consider volunteering your time and talents and join a Sisterhood committee. We particularly need women to work on a Fund-raising Committee – sort through ideas and help them come to fruition. It's a wonderful opportunity to share your creativity, suggestions, ideas, comments, and help make a difference.

Suggestions can be submitted via email (sisterhood@bnaitikvah.org) or dropped off at the Synagogue office marked to my attention.

*Thank you,
Lynn Biderman
Sisterhood President*

The Judaica Gift Shop

You'll find beautiful and unique things for home or gift-giving for all seasons and all occasions at the Judaica Gift Shop. New items arrive frequently so visit us often. We are open Sundays from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Weekly hours will be announced soon.

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Meetings Schedule

Wednesday, November 2, 7:30 pm: Rosh Chodesh: "Woman of Valor" The first in the Rosh Chodesh study sessions is devoted to Proverb 31--Eshet Chayil--A Woman of Valor--King Solomon's song of praise to the Jewish woman. All are welcome to join us as Rabbi Eligberg facilitates a discussion of this chapter extolling her virtues as the foundation of the Jewish home.

Wednesday, November 16, 7:30 pm: General Meeting And Yoga Class Join us immediately following minyan for a one-hour yoga class. Learn relaxation, breathing techniques, and exercise to achieve a general sense of well being. Kim Chatlos, a certified yoga instructor will be leading us. Please bring a yoga mat or towel and wear very comfortable clothes.

We will be collecting canned sweet potatoes and boxed mashed potatoes for the Thanksgiving holiday. They will be donated to the North and South Brunswick food pantries.

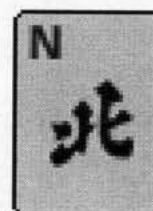
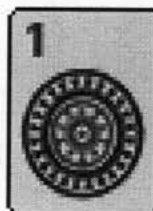
Other Important Sisterhood Dates in November:

Wednesday, November 30, 7:30 pm - Paid Up Membership Dinner. We will be collecting all-occasion gift bags, wrapping paper, and tissue paper to be donated to families who stay at the Ronald McDonald House.

Save the date:

Sunday, December 11, 10 am - Joint Sisterhood and Men's Club Meeting.

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B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

MEN'S CLUB

November 13th

The Men's Club is proud to present:

Jeff Haveson CPA, MBA
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to speak about
 College Education Financing
 and year-end Tax Planning.

The lecture will start at 10:15am and is open to the congregation and all who are interested.

Jeff Haveson is President and Chief Investment Advisor of Matrix Financial Advisors LLC, Princeton, NJ. Jeff has over 15 years of experience advising clients on their tax and investment affairs. He is a certified public accountant in NJ/PA and an Investment Advisor Representative. Previously, Jeff worked at Lucent Technologies and Bloomberg L.P. advising corporate executives on corporate and individual tax planning matters. Matrix Financial Advisors is a "Fee Only" personal financial planning firm based in Princeton NJ. It offers holistic comprehensive services in cash flow planning, tax planning, investment planning, college education, insurance planning, retirement planning and estate planning. Jeff resides in South Brunswick with his wife and 2 children and is an active member in the Beth Chaim congregation.

ISRAELI FOLK DANCE

FAMILY HOUR

Saturday,
 December 3, 2005
 7:30- 8:30 pm

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SOCIAL ACTION

THE CLOTHESLINE:

The cold weather is just around the corner and with it comes another opportunity to serve the less fortunate through The ClothesLine. The ClothesLine is a mobile clothing bank (a 1977 school bus, seats removed, retrofitted with shelves and clothing racks) started four years ago to serve the needy of Middlesex County. It is a collaborative project of Middlesex Interfaith Partners with the Homeless (MIPH), Elijah's Promise, Inc., and several civic groups and businesses.

Each house of worship "adopts a month" during which the congregation is responsible for collecting excellent clothing (no stains, rips, missing buttons, broken zippers, etc.), blankets and small toys. Then that congregation handles the sorting and sizing, helping with distribution, and straightening /re-stocking the bus after visits.

Clothing is distributed to 600-1000 people each month in three locations: New Brunswick, at Elijah's Promise Soup Kitchen; Perth Amboy, at Glad Tidings Ecumenical Church; and Edison, at the Edison Job Corps Academy.

B'nai Tikvah has once again adopted the month of November to collect, sort and distribute the clothing. Due to scheduling constraints, we will actually be collecting clothing in October.

CBT/CLOTHESLINE SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Sunday, October 16th - Sunday, October 30th - Clothing collection. Bags of clothing can be placed in bins in front of the synagogue office.

Sunday, October 30th at 9:30 A.M.- Sorting and sizing of the clothing at the synagogue. We need at least 16 teenagers/ adult volunteers to help with this very important task.

Sunday, November 13th and November 27th from 1:45-4:30 P.M.- distribution of clothing to 200-250 needy people each Sunday at Elijah's Promise Soup Kitchen, New Brunswick. We need 5 volunteers age 16 and up on each Sunday to perform this very important Mitzvah. Volunteers from The ClothesLine will be there to guide us.

To volunteer, or learn more about the project, contact Laura Waksman at socialaction@bnaitikvah.org or 732-698-2494.

*Together we can do so much.
Thank you.*

THANK YOU

Thank you to Rachel and Kira Greenberg and Alyssa Marcou for creating welcome packages during Spirit Week for the families staying at Ronald Mc Donald House in New Brunswick. Included in the packages were snacks, water, juice, playing cards, toothbrushes, floss, paste and toiletry items guests typically find in hotel rooms. The girls added their own drawings to bring a little brightness to families going through difficult times. These seemingly small acts of kindness are huge life lessons about how to behave toward others. Thanks also to Neal Gittleman for donating a large quantity of toothpaste for the welcome packages. Our efforts are so very much appreciated by the staff at Ronald Mc Donald House and by the families staying there.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Amy Smith purchased backpacks and school supplies in August for 29 less fortunate New Brunswick children on behalf of the Social Action committee. Thanks to Renee and Steve Levin for delivering the much needed supplies for the start of the school year.

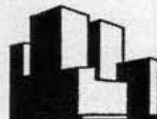
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Who are these families? These families are all in need. They are referred by various sources including Jewish Family Services, local welfare directors, school social workers and senior centers.

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

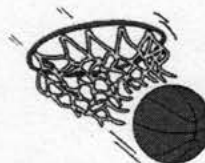
How can you help?

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

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

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JASON SEIDMAN'S MITZVAH PROJECT

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If you have any questions you can contact me at 732-297-6950 or Jason92@optonline.net.

*Thank you!
Jason Seidman*

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November 10 - 20, 2005

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November also means **THANKSGIVING!** Hooray! It is the day we give thanks for all of the good things and good people in our lives. Macy's Parade, football games, preparing foods, cooking over a hot stove, watching all the fressers either nap or watch TV., cleaning up the big mess... oh, once again I digress!

Think Thanksgiving and you conjure up images of turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, apple pie, right? Where do you buy them? Jiffy Lube or Loew's Cinemas? I think not. If you do buy any or all of the items at **A&P, Acme, Pathmark, Shop Rite, Stop & Shop or Wild Oats**, then you are in luck. That just happens to be the stores that are participating in our synagogue's supermarket scrip program. Purchase scrip from these stores and Congregation B'nai Tikvah earns 5% from the sales. Scrip may be purchased by visiting the scrip committee's table during Sunday religious school hours, going on line at www.bnaitikvah.org (both an order form and credit card form are available), coming to or phoning the synagogue office (during business hours) or contacting the scrip committee, chaired by Rachel Shaneson (Rachel.Shaneson@bnaitikvah.org). The scrip committee even delivers your order to you. The scrip committee gladly accepts orders for \$1000 and over, but please make these arrangements in advance.

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Linda Feinstein

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