



## RABBI ELIGBERG SPEAKS

### Israel, Democracy and Conservative Judaism

Dear Haverim,

Read this only if you want to make a difference. What you choose to do when you get to the end of this letter will have a significant effect in Israel and on Jews around the world. That is power. To understand how you came to possess this power, we need to look briefly at the history of Israel and Zionism.

In 1897,

Theodore Herzl convened the First Zionist Congress in Basle, Switzerland. Delegates representing twenty-two countries came together to create the equivalent of an

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international Jewish Parliament. Successive Congresses of the World Zionist Organization, (WZO) have convened ever since and in June, 2006 the 35th Zionist Congress will take place in Jerusalem. The Congress has great influence on the global Jewish agenda and the allocation of the Jewish Agency for Israel's (JAFI) budget of over 300 million dollars.

Delegates are chosen by election, with over 300 representing Diaspora Jewry joining almost 200 Israeli delegates. The United States sends the largest contingent, outside of Israel, with 145 delegates. The Conservative Movement is represented by MERCAZ Olami, our Zionist political organization, with chapters around the world. The largest branch is MERCAZ USA. In the last two Zionist Congress elections (1997 and 2002) MERCAZ USA maintained its position as the second largest American Zionist Organization, receiving about 25% of the vote. This percentage, however, is smaller than the number of Conservative Jews in the United States.

Conservative Jews are strong supporters of Israel and elections to the Zionist Congress afford us an opportunity to express our pride in Israel in a way that reflects our Movement. This is also our unique opportunity to impact on Israeli society. Progress in the struggle for religious pluralism in Israel has often come as a result of decisions made at the World Zionist Congress. Our participation strengthens Israel as a Jewish, Zionist and democratic state. It also benefits us with official representation on key decision-making bodies of the WZO and JAFI.

Conservative/Masorti Jews around the world profit directly from our presence in the WZO, JAFI and at the World Zionist Congresses. Masorti institutions in Israel receive direct allocations and indirect subsidies of over 1.7 million dollars. This funding supports Masorti institutions such as the Schechter Institute, TALI Schools, Masorti congregations and Kibbutz Hanaton. It represents a significant portion of Masorti Judaism's budget. An additional ? million dollars

goes to support the spiritual and educational needs of Masorti/Conservative Jews outside of Israel. Jewish Agency funds support Conservative Movement programs such as USY's Nativ Year Course, Ramah Seminar and the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem, as well as providing shlichim and teacher training for our youth programs, day schools and summer camps.

**Exercising your power is easy.** Voting in the Zionist Congress elections is a two step process – Registration and Balloting.

**1. Registration:** Any American Jew 18 years or older can register to vote either by mail or on-line. Registration began on July 1st. Mail-in registration ends on January 15, 2006, while on-line registration will continue until February 15th. There is a nominal registration fee of \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. Registration forms are enclosed as a separate flyer.

**2. Balloting:** Ballots will be mailed to registered voters starting in mid-November. Ballots must be received by the end of February 2006. Again, voting may be either by mail or on-line.

While you are focused on the Conservative/Masorti community around the world, I would urge you to support them directly as well, by joining MERCAZ ([www.mercazusa.org](http://www.mercazusa.org)) or by including the Masorti Foundation amongst your acts of tzedakah ([www.masorti.org](http://www.masorti.org))

*With blessings,  
Rabbi David M. Eligberg*

**Newsflash!! I just learned that Jesse Olitzky is on the Mercaz list of delegates. Let's make sure that Jesse gets elected and carries his home shul unanimously!**

### 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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### Hannukah: 8 Actions in 8 Days

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

**Day 1:** Replace an outdoor light fixture with one that has a motion-detector. Outdoor lights that are left on all night waste electricity, increase your energy bill, and add to night-time "light pollution." A fixture with a motion-detector will turn on only when needed.

**Day 2:** Make a plan to decrease your car use. Automobiles emit greenhouse gas emissions (CO2 and NOx) and contribute to U.S. dependence on foreign oil. Examine your driving habits and see if you can tele-commute, walk, bike, take public transit, or combine errands to reduce the amount you drive.

**Day 3:** Make your own Hanukkah gifts! Take a photo and design a frame for it, knit a scarf for the winter, or make a set of beeswax candles. Use recycled materials if you can. You can find lots of great books about homemade gifts in your local library.

**Day 4:** Eat less meat and buy organic, locally grown foods. Large-scale meat production uses a huge amount of natural resources, particularly grain, topsoil, and water. Eating organic food is better for your health since it reduces your exposure to pesticides and antibiotics. Buying food grown close to home supports family farms and reduces the amount of energy used to prepare and transport food.

**Day 5:** Give your furnace a tune-up. Forty percent of home energy use is for heat. An inefficient heating system can waste 30-50% of the energy it uses. Oil furnaces should be serviced annually and gas furnaces every two years. A heating technician can do the tune-up for \$50-100.

**Day 6:** Save paper by sending environmentally-friendly Hanukkah e-cards. To create an e-card, visit care2.com. Or, if you're feeling artistic, make your own paper cards with recycled paper.

**Day 7:** Wash a full load of clothes and use cold water for the rinse. Washing machines use 32-59 gallons of water per cycle, so waiting until you have a full load of clothes will save both water and energy. A warm water wash and a cold rinse will clean nearly all clothes well.

**Day 8:** Question: What three things can you give, which once you give them, will give back to you at least as much and perhaps more of what you gave? Answer: Knowledge, light, and love.

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### Let There Be Light\*

*A New Prayer to Incorporate into your Celebration of the Festival of Lights:*

O Source of Light, by Your light we see light. (Psalm 36:10)

"And God made the two great lights...and God set them in the firmament of heaven to give light upon the Earth...and God saw that it was good." (Genesis 1:16-18)

Creator God, may we have the wisdom to appreciate the goodness in Your creation.

All: O Source of Light, by Your light we see light.

"Give thanks...to the maker of the great lights, whose lovingkindness extends eternally." (Psalm 136:1,7)

Gracious God, may we experience Your ever-renewing bounty with awe and gratitude, and may we use it wisely.

All: O Source of Light, by Your light we see light.

"With a rising-place at one end of heaven, and a circuit that reaches the other, nothing escapes [the sun's] heat." (Psalm 19:7)

Holy God, may this simple act of harnessing Your eternal light help us escape the global heating that our generation is causing over Your creation.

All: O Source of Light, by Your light we see light.

"Arise, shine, for Your light has dawned -- the presence of the Eternal will shine upon you." (Isaiah 60:1)

Loving God, Your gift of light enables us to shine.

May we, created in Your image, be worthy reflectors of Your glory.

All: Amen.

\*Rabbi Fred Scherlinder Dobb, of the Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Congregation, of Bethesda, MD created the blessing.

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### Highlights from American Jewish History

30 Heshvan – American forces marched into New York on November 25, 1783. The Jewish residents, who had fled the city in 1776 because of their revolutionary sympathies, were able to return soon after the retreat of the British.

1 Kislev – The first Jewish social and civic club in America was founded in Newport, R.I. on November 25, 1761.

2 Kislev – The General Assembly of New York, on November 15, 1727, passed an act permitting Jews to omit the phrase “upon the faith of a Christian” from the oath of abjuration.

3 Kislev – Emma Lazarus, Jewish American poetess, died on November 19, 1887.

5 Kislev – The Hebrew Education Society met in Philadelphia on December 4, 1864, and resolved to establish a Jewish Theological Seminary, the first in America.

9 Kislev – The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee for the relief of Jewish war sufferers was established on November 27, 1914. The Joint was organized on the eve of Sabbath Va-Yetzei. It was in the portion of the Bible read that week that the classical expression of Jewish voluntary giving was first enunciated: “And of all that You give me, I will set aside a tithe for You” (Genesis 28:22).

11 Kislev – The charter of Yeshiva College was amended by the New York State Board of Regents on November 16, 1945, making it the first American university under Jewish auspices.

Christian universities were closed to Jewish students throughout the Middle Ages. There were very few exceptions to this rule. The most famous schools were in countries from which Jews had been expelled so that Jewish students had no access to them. Furthermore, universities were primarily ecclesiastical schools,

closely linked to the Church, and as a result, Jewish students were inevitably excluded, even in countries where Jews enjoyed the right of residence. The University of Padua, Italy, was a notable exception. From the middle of the 16th century it attracted Jewish students from all over Europe. The University of Leyden, Holland, adopted a similar liberal policy in the 17th century. The earliest known effort to establish a university under Jewish auspices was made in Sicily. King John granted authorization, on January 17, 1466, to open such a school but the project never materialized. Rabbi Abraham Provençal attempted to found a Jewish university in Italy in the 16th century, but he too failed.

The first Jewish university was established in Jerusalem. It opened on April 1, 1925. Yeshiva University was the first Jewish university in America, established in the tradition of the American pluralistic cultural pattern.

12 Kislev – Solomon Schechter, discoverer of the Cairo Genizah and founder of the United Synagogue of America, died on November 19, 1915.

19 Kislev – Herbert H. Lehman, prominent leader of American Jewry, first Jewish governor of New York, died on December 5, 1963.

23 Kislev – An agreement signed upon the surrender of Muslim Granada to the Castilian Christian forces on November 25, 1491, provided for the peaceful departure of Jews and Moors from the province.

26 Kislev – The Touro Synagogue of Newport, R.I., the oldest existing synagogue in the U.S. was dedicated on December 2, 1763.

27 Kislev – The synagogue of Congregation Beth Elohim, the fourth oldest in the United States, was dedicated in Charleston, S.C., on December 19, 1794.

## HAKOL

The Newsletter of  
**Congregation B'nai Tikvah**  
**JCC of North & South Brunswick**  
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 North Brunswick, NJ 08902  
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Published monthly, except for July and August. Submissions are welcomed about Congregation events, group activities, and other material relevant to the local Jewish community.

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

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

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

All e-mail submissions are acknowledged via e-mail. You may also put submissions in the HaKol mailbox in the synagogue office. All submissions are subject to available space and editorial constraints. Please call Paul or Nancy Zankel at 732-254-6465 if you have any questions.

#### SUBMISSION FORMATS:

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

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

**ORDER FORMS & FLYERS:** Submit order forms and inserts to be sent with the Hakol mailing to the editors by the 15th of the preceding month.

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

## OUR HAZZAN'S VOICE Cantor Bruce Rockman

Happy Hanukkah! Growing up, Hanukkah was clearly my favorite holiday. The colored candles and the presents also "did it" for me. Was I in for a shock when I learned that giving and receiving gifts was not particularly significant for the celebration of Hanukkah! I learned it is more important to celebrate Hanukkah by eating greasy, fatty foods. That seemed odd. I thought fried foods were not healthy, besides I really didn't like latkes that much. Nonetheless, I got used to the oily latkes (fortunately I never really had a skin problem). I ate too many, gained weight, and then I discovered jelly donuts, fried in oil. The perfect Hanukkah confection. Still I was committed to candles and presents, as I enjoyed receiving gifts, and truly love giving them. So, what's wrong with that?

I look at gift giving as an American tradition. Do we often go overboard? I suppose it depends on your perspective. For twenty years I worked in the retail trade. I was a small shop owner. This time of year is when we

**"Harness the awesome energy of the Hanukkah Season ... Share your gifts appropriately."**

made our profits. If we didn't have a good holiday season, it was not a good year. In my stores we sold sporting goods and athletic apparel, great holiday gifts. I often reminisce about those times. People loved the season because they loved to give. People came to the store in great moods and enjoyed buying for others. Speaking as a retailer, I can see many more positive aspects to gift giving than I, as a Cantor, should now admit.

We are often critical of the commercialization of the winter holiday season, yet synagogues and churches promote holiday toy drives. We all collect so many toys for hospitals and poor people, that it's hard to believe that there is a deprived child anywhere! Yet we know there are. We preach the message constantly, we must fix the world. Give and give some more. I'm certain most of you feel similarly to me when I say that I love the commercial aspects of Hanukkah. Simply stated, it is our responsibility to harness the awesome energy of the Hanukkah season to do some good in the world. Give, give, give and share. Share your gifts *appropriately*.

To me, the most important message of Hanukkah is tolerance, religious freedom and our rededication to the principles of Torah that lead to a better world.

I would sincerely appreciate *your* input. Each month I attempt to discuss important issue that confront us, please share your opinions with me, I am very interested in your point of view. My email is cantor@bnaitikvah.org. My confidential email is cantorbt@optonline.net.

**Happy Hanukkah!**

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

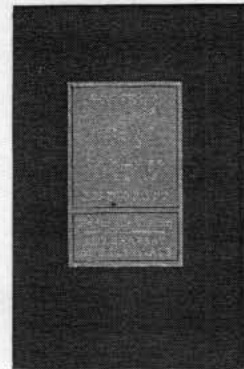
*Cantor Bruce Rockman*

## Hanukkah Gift Ideas

a must for every Jewish home!

Purchase your personal copies of the sacred books that we use during religious services at our synagogue.

Contact Cantor Rockman



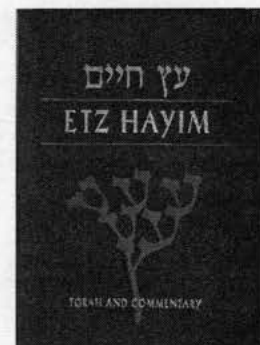
Siddur Sim Shalom for Shabbat and Holidays \$25



Sim Shalom Soft Cover \$15



Or Hadash  
A commentary on  
Siddur Sim Shalom  
\$45



Etz Hayim Torah  
and Commentary

## ADULT EDUCATION

Congregation B'nai Tikvah's Adult Education Committee invites parents to join us on Sunday, December 4, for a morning of shopping, schmoozing & serious discussion. Browse at the Jewish Book Fair, the Sisterhood Gift Bazaar, and then join us for Coffee Talk:

### Technology & Our Kids When is Enough, Enough?

**Sunday, December 4, 2005**  
**10:40 A.M. – 11:55 A.M.**  
**Room 13 – New Wing**  
A light breakfast will be served.

Please join us to discuss one of the most important issues affecting our children today. This topic has been featured in major newspapers and magazines in recent weeks. We'll discuss how the use of Blogs, Instant Messaging, My Space Profiles, Chat Rooms, and Video Games are changing our childrens' social lives.

Back by Popular Demand!

### BIBLE PEOPLE

Presented by Visiting Rabbis including Rabbi Eli Garfinkel, Temple Beth El and Rabbi Robert Alpert, EBJC

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS!**

**Wednesdays,**

**January 11th, 18th, 25th,  
February 8th, 15th, 22nd**

Look for the complete series information in the January HaKol.

### Did you miss *Ushpizim* at the Jewish Film Festival?

If you did or you would like to see it again please call Elliott @ 732-297-6175 ( iamell@comcast.net ) and make your reservations now!

Free ( yes - Free ) screening for B'nai Tikvah members only.  
December 15th 7:45 PM sharp at the synagogue.

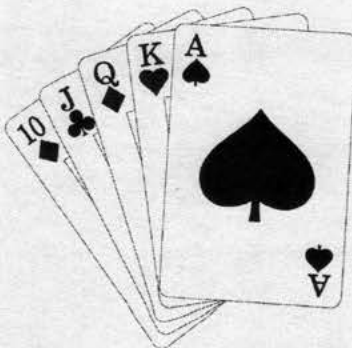
We really need to know if you are coming. If you plan on coming please reserve a spot, seating is limited. The movie will start right after minyan...so if you come to minyan you won't be late!

## Save the date!

### Casino Night March 11, 2006

A night of gambling,  
dining, and entertainment  
A night not to be missed!

We need prizes and volunteers!



To donate prizes  
or volunteer please call:  
Gary Warner 732-422-9292  
Allison Nagelberg 732-846-1464  
Ruth Ann Weiss 732-821-6669  
Mark Sherman 732-940-1110

## A MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

Ruth Anne Koenick, VP Membership

### *We warmly welcome new member Joann Peisecki.*

Joann is a long time mathematics teacher at Piscataway High School. She has two children, Sharon, who is a 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher in the North Brunswick public schools and Kenneth who is an Occupational Therapist and lives in Columbus, Ohio. Joann joined B'nai Tikvah, partially on the recommendation of her daughter Sharon and because of all the good things they had heard about the synagogue. Joann said that she is really looking for a new spiritual connection and feels that B'nai Tikvah will help fill that need.

### **Mazel Tov to:**

**Mindy and Marty Angstreich** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Evan and on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Jaclyn

**Ellen and Ed Birch** on the bar Mitzvah of their son Steve

**Judy and David Sherman** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Zachary

**Helene and Gary Tinkel** on the marriage of their daughter Brenna to Andy Sniderman

**Lisa and Leon Suttner** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Leah

**Sandra and Ethan Solomon** on the birth and brit milah of their son Jacob

**Elaine and Eliot Runyan** on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Leah

### **Heartfelt Condolences to:**

**Mark Roller** on the death of his mother Anita

**David Teicher** on the death of his father Irving

**Eileen Robison** on the death of her husband Robert

**Vicki Bauman** on the death of her mother

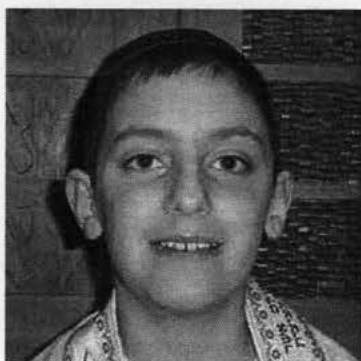
A Rfuah Sh'layma and a speedy recovery to all who have been ill in the previous month. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Have you recently received an honor at work or in an organization? Have you been elected or appointed to an office or committee in the community? Has a professional organization recognized you for your outstanding contribution to your profession? Help us to spread and share the good news by letting me know. Email me at [RuthAnne.Koenick@bnaitikvah.org](mailto:RuthAnne.Koenick@bnaitikvah.org)

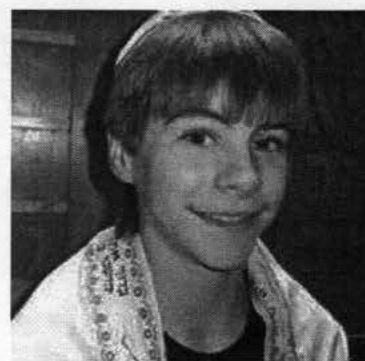
## DECEMBER B'NAI MITZVAH



**Brittany Altman**  
**Dec. 3**  
Richard & Kellie Altman



**Marc Katronetsky**  
**Dec. 10**  
Allan & Fern Katronetsky



**Jason Seidman**  
**Dec. 17**  
Richard & Lisa Seidman

## THE OFFICE VOICE

Nitsat Hadas Elami, Administrative Director

### Have you see our new Beit Midrash yet?

For those of you who haven't been to the Synagogue recently or didn't notice the change, we have a new Beit Midrash. It is located where the Youth Lounge/Beit Midrash/Library used to be, across the hall from the Synagogue office. The location is not new, but the room is now exclusively a Beit Midrash dedicated mainly for religious services such as evening and morning Minyans during the week and Junior Congregation on Shabbat.

A lot of volunteers made this room possible! They helped in a multitude of different ways, but each one of them helped in some way to bring it all together.

First, we need to thank Congregation Etz Chaim/Hewlett East Rockaway Jewish Center and their Executive Director, Robert Fischer, for donating the pews. The pews we received from them, although used, are in great condition and fit into our Beit Midrash as if they were built for that room.

Next is the group of people who arranged for bringing the pews from Long Island to North Brunswick. It began with Jeff Schwartz who arranged for a truck at no cost from his company and was there to help move the pews and Danny Greenberg who organized the volunteers together with Jeff Cadoff. Both of them were also there to help carry the pews. The rest of the volunteers who were there very early on a Sunday morning were: Arthur Biderman, Matt Biderman, Matt's friend Matt, David Marcou, Andy Ross and Gary Warner.

The next step was moving the pews inside the building. This was actually done twice because of some carpet ordering issues. For this task we had the help of Gary Bergman, Danny Greenberg, Steve Katz, Barry Safeer, Rich Seidman, Mark Sherman, Lisa Suttner, and I am sure that there were several people I forgot to mention here – I apologize in advance. I know that there was a group from the B'nai Tikvah Athletics Committee that helped us move the last row into place and some others who gave a hand.

The Décor committee (Janice Baer,



**Thanks to the many congregants who donated time and money toward our new Beit Midrash Midrash, and to Congregation Etz Chaim/Hewlett East Rockaway Jewish Center for the pews.**

Arlene Frumkin, Jodee Garyn, and Jen Shapiro) put in numerous hours trying to pick out the right carpet and the wall color to match the existing color of the pews. Added difficulties were the time constraints and problems with the availability of the carpet materials. Everything was successfully put in place just at the last minute.

The last item (but not the least important!) was the money for the new carpet and paint for the new room. With our tight budget we didn't think that we would be able to make the room so beautiful. Generous help came from a group of congregants: Sylvia and Erwin Lewis, who donated in honor of Ann and Sam Rosenzweig's 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, Deborah and Martin Spigner, Ann Gold, Phyllis and Barry Safeer, Cindy and Neal Gittleman, Susann and Kevin Krane, Sandy and Yitzhak Sharon, Ruth Anne Koenick, Rose and Jeffrey Berger, Andrew and Susan Shapiro, and Allison and

David Nagelberg.

So many different people helped with so many different parts of this puzzle and made it possible for us to have a beautiful dedicated Beit Midrash. It is a room for our Youth to have their Junior Congregation services in and for our adults to enjoy daily.

This group of dedicated volunteers, each one with whatever part they took in this task, showed that if we want something to happen for our congregation, we can make it happen!





## CONGREGATION EVENTS AND INFO

# From The Webmaster

## Computer Safety 101

Spammers and other threats to your computing safety are increasing daily. These culprits rely heavily on "human engineering" to get you to open messages that infect your computer. E-mail containing generic messages are your biggest clue, such as: "You have just received a virtual greeting from a family member!"

If you received a gun in the mail, would you point it at yourself and pull trigger? Don't open attachments out of curiosity and never enter personal information on a website that was linked from an email message.

The Federal Trade Commission has a comprehensive web site to help you understand and what to do about "phishing", "adware/spyware", threats to your privacy, and identity theft. Visit [ftc.gov/spam](http://ftc.gov/spam)

## The Calendar is Online at: [BnaiTikvah.org/calendar.html](http://BnaiTikvah.org/calendar.html)

All of B'nai Tikvah's calendar events are now online. It contains Jewish holidays & celebrations, nursery & religious school programs, school & office closings, committee meetings, and outside groups holding events in our new facility.

The calendar is fully "interactive" and can be viewed various ways. The "list" view reveals additional details, such as the specific meeting room if applicable.

All the entries are imported directly from the official synagogue calendar which is maintained by the synagogue's Administrative Director. If you notice anything wrong or inconsistent, please notify the synagogue office or webmaster at your earliest convenience.

*Gary Bergman*  
[webmaster@bnaitikvah.org](mailto:webmaster@bnaitikvah.org)

## USED VACUUM CLEANER NEEDED

We are looking for a used vacuum machine in reasonable condition to be used in the new wing, for the library and the Religious School office (the only two areas with carpet in the new wing). If you have a vacuum cleaner you can donate for us to use, please let us know via email or give us a call.

[Admin@bnaitikvah.org](mailto:Admin@bnaitikvah.org)  
732-297-0696

## OUR NEW ADDITION IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

- The multi-purpose room/gymnasium is ideal to celebrate life-cycle events such as a birthday basketball party, Sweet 16, anniversary, or baby-naming event etc.
- The classrooms seat between 16-24 people and are available to rent as well.
- Consider sharing your skills with others. We are looking for folks willing to teach a class during the Hebrew School hours on Mondays and/or Thursdays during the 4-6 PM hrs. Ideas for Classes: Kosher Cooking, Healthy Snacks Cooking class, Bible Stories and Cooking Class, One Brush Stroke Painting, Scrap Booking/Stamp It Up etc.
- Your Skills and Ideas Are Appreciated. Member Rental Rates are Available. Contact: Lisa Mason, Programming Director at 732-297-0696 or E-Mail: [Programming@bnaitikvah.org](mailto:Programming@bnaitikvah.org)

## Shabbat Babysitting Volunteers Needed

As a growing egalitarian community, we strive to be open and accepting, to foster the sense of a warm and inviting community. However, the lack of Shabbat morning babysitting for the past months has left many families struggling to attend and enjoy services. The tight synagogue budget left us with no funds to pay the two babysitters required for each Shabbat morning. Unfortunately, this tends to impact not only the families with young children, but often others attending services as the little ones are brought into the sanctuary or watched in the foyer. Babysitting services may also impact the choice of shul for some families and therefore may be limiting some of our growth. We'd like to be able to commit to any Rabbinical candidate that there is babysitting available.

I am glad to say that we have found enough funds to offer limited babysitting starting in November. We have two options at this point. 1) we could offer babysitting every other Shabbat or (2) every Shabbat with one parent volunteer each morning. We need two adults in the room for safety reasons. We are looking for both volunteers and additional funds to ensure we can make it through 2006. Babysitting services won't start until we get commitments so please contact me at 732-846-8692 or [babysitting@bnaitikvah.org](mailto:babysitting@bnaitikvah.org) if you can help.

*Shalom, Beth Schurman*

## CONGREGATION EVENTS AND INFO



**WANTED...  
Your Opinion!**

**Vote for the  
New (or Old)  
Congregation  
Logo**

**See the Flyer in This HaKol.**

**The winner will be announced  
at the Hanukah Party  
on December 25th.**

**PLAY BASKETBALL  
WITH THE RABBI & CANTOR  
AND GET  
JUNIOR CONGREGATION CREDIT!**

**Yes, You read it Right.**

**Come**

**PRAY, PLAY & PRAY  
(Mincha - Shoot Hoops - Ma'ariv)**

**December 10th  
4:00 - 5:45 pm**

*The November Pray, Play & Pray was a big Success!*

**Wear your sneakers and  
B'nai Tikvah Tee shirt!  
ALL ARE WELCOME!  
(even if you don't need JC credit!**

## Sponsoring Events is a Great Way to Help Offset Costs

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those people who helped defray the costs of the meals that we have served during the past few months. While some of our meals are free, these donations help offset the line item on our budget.

In September we held a Halleluau barbeque. The following people sponsored a centerpiece:

**Lynn and Arthur Biderman  
Phyllis and Al Garten  
Cheryl and Steve Goldstein  
Susann and Kevin Krane  
Ellyn and Harold Schneider  
Ann and Sam Rosenzweig  
An Anonymous Donation**

We had lunch for Simchat Torah, which was free to anyone at services that day. The following people sponsored a waffle:

**Cindy and Neal Gittleman  
Adrienne and Herb Mars  
Michelle and Irwin Millinger  
Sandy, Dinah and Yitzchak Sharon**

*Bobbi Binder*

## Call for Documents

Now that we have sufficient "archive closet space" in the new wing. I'm asking all congregants who have had an active role in the operation and maintenance of our synagogue, to search their attics and basements for documents, schematics, construction plans, policy statements, contracts, and any historical papers of consequence and to please surrender these (or copies) to the synagogue office for proper filing and storage.

*Thank you,  
Gary Bergman, VP Administration.*

## Library Books Outstanding?

**Please return outstanding books immediately.**

**We need volunteers to help  
reorganize and set up the new library.**

Please return all outstanding library books so we can reorganize and have the new library up and really functioning for you soon. Also, if you can help with reorganizing the library, please contact Ann Rosenzweig, "new-old" librarian. 732-249-9141 library@bnaitikvah.org. Thanks in advance!

# CONGREGATION EVENTS AND INFO

## If you feed them, they will come (or.... The History of Friday Night Family Shabbat Dinner

B'nai Tikvah holds a monthly service at 7pm geared towards families with children between the ages of 2 and 7 (although younger children do attend). What many of you may not know is that this service has been going on consistently since the fall of 1994. It was started as a way to give our children a service that they could attend at a convenient hour with our friends and theirs. Back then, the main attendees were people who knew us and hung out with us. One year Marc decided to take a break and Barry Safeer stepped in, as did Jackie Master. When our three children became too old to attend, but too young to keep at home alone, Karen Cohen took over (thanks for that!!). A few years ago it dawned on Marc and me that we could take the service back over and we asked

Karen if she would mind stepping down, which she graciously did.

We had a small but consistent turn out each month. The feedback we received was that it was difficult for two working parents to make it home from work, feed their young children and make it to the synagogue by 7pm for

services. It was suggested that we feed everyone at the synagogue and follow with services. We now have 30 to 40 people joining us at Friday night dinner each month (October saw 54 people). Our menu is child-friendly and the atmosphere is relaxed. I look at the "regulars" as if they are part of my family, a little upset when they cannot attend, and a little sad when their children become too old to attend. I love when new families join us.

We combine the traditions of a Friday night meal, blessing the children, the wine and *challah* and *benching* after dinner with the realization that we are dealing with children who cannot sit still for very long. We have had grandparents bring their grandchildren and have had a multigenerational blessing over the children. Sometimes the children get up and run around, things get spilled. I always remind the parents that the most important thing is that their children are in attendance.


Marc and I would like to thank everyone for their continued support of this program. The following families have sponsored our kiddush (peanut free) over the last twelve months: Debbie and Stu Allen; Sylvia and Terry Katz; Susann and Kevin Krane; Jodi and Rabbi Eligberg; Hope and

Tom Peters; Beth and Matt Schurman; Robyn and Mark Leinwohl; Serena and Rob Blackin; Cheryl and Howard Hoffman; and Aaron Rosloff.

For those of you who have children or grandchildren, nieces or nephews in this age group, please join us. You do not need to attend the dinner to attend the service!! Maybe you know of a prospective member family with children who would be interested in attending. Membership at B'nai Tikvah is not necessary to attend either the dinner or the service. Come learn what "minimet" is, how to "sign" the *Sh'ma* and watch in awe as 4 and 5 year olds sing *L'cha Dodi* and *Vishamru*.

Bobbi Binder

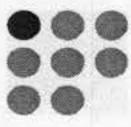
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## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS

Ann Kanarek, Director

### CHANUKAH BEGINS

\*\*\*\*\* DECEMBER 25 \*\*\*\*\*



B'nai Tikvah's Bet 2 class will greet Chanukah by lighting the menorah.

The first candle of Chanukah, our joyous Festival of Lights, is lit on Sunday evening, December 25. Yes, Chanukah is very late this year! We light an additional candle each night as we celebrate the victory of the Maccabees over the Syrian-Greek army of the tyrant Antiochus.

Chanukah is, of course, more than a holiday commemorating a military victory. Though technically a minor holiday, Chanukah is not even mentioned in the Bible, today it is a major family celebration. As we exchange gifts, join in playing dreidle, lighting candles, and eating latkes, we remember that the Maccabees' struggle of long ago is still our challenge today.

How to remain loyal to the traditions, dreams and ideals of our people while participating in the best that the secular world has to offer to us and our children. There was also a battle for religious freedom, the right to be different, a battle that we continue to wage today as well.

We are planning many exciting programs and activities at the synagogue to help us celebrate Chanukah as a community. We hope you and your family will join us for many of these events. Inside this month's Hakol, you will read about these programs.



### HAPPY CHANUKAH

As Chanukah approaches, your children will start dropping hints about presents they would like to receive. Here is a list of gift-alternatives, to bring about a more traditional way of celebrating the holiday after lighting the candles each night:

**Game Night:** Plan to spend some time with the whole family and play a favorite game or make up your own Dreidle game, Chanukah Treasure Hunt, Candle Game, or Chanukah Bingo.

**Music Night:** Each family member can teach a couple of new holiday songs like "Mrs. Maccabeus" or "One Candalikah," or take out the musical instruments and give the family a concert

**Drama Night:** Create your own Chanukah story, act it out and illustrate it. Record the story on tape and bring it to school to "Share and Tell" with your classmates.

**Chanukah Shabbat:** Light the Chanukah candles first, then light the Shabbat candles. Have a festive meal with potato latkes and for dessert, include *sufganiyot*, holiday donuts. Then, join us in the synagogue for services.

**Mitzvah Night:** Choose old toys, books, games that you don't use anymore; wrap them and deliver them to the needy.

**Book Night:** You probably already purchased your Chanukah books at our Jewish Book Fair, but, if not, visit the School Office to pick up some Jewish stories. *Potato Pancakes All Around*, by Marilyn Hirsh, and the *Power of Light - Eight Stories for Chanukah* by I. B. Singer, are both highly recommended.

**Activities Night:** With stickers, construction paper, stamper, markers and paints, create Chanukah greeting cards to be sent to friends, relatives or residents at the Buckingham Place Adult Center..

**Baking Night:** As a family, bake cookies, make marshmallow dreidles or Chanukah chocolates.

ENJOY AND HAVE A HAPPY CHANUKAH!!

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**TODAH RABAH** to our Jewish Book Fair Chairperson Gina Guiffre and her committee of volunteers: Debbie Allen, Stacey Cadoff, Meryl Gonchar, Fred and Linda Jacobs, Andrea Katz, Lori Kaye, Amy Kirsch, Linda Kohn, Marina Lavender, Hope Peters, Susan Shapiro, Michele Sherman and Terri Woller. Thanks to all their help and hard work, the book fair will surely be very successful. The proceeds of the book fair benefit the Religious School's enrichment program.

**THANK YOU** to Judaica Shop coordinators: Felice Ciccione, Sue Levinson, Deborah Spigner and Laurie Waltzer for their continued support, advice, and creative gift ideas for our Religious School students. Their expertise and efficiency is always appreciated! **MANY THANKS** to Deborah Spigner for coordinating our BOX TOPS campaign. We appreciate the efforts of all our families and friends who help support our school by clipping General Mills Box Tops for Education coupons.

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REMINDERS

**Sunday, Dec. 11:** Hei Class PACT program: Tallit Making Workshop (9:00am-1:00pm) with guest artist, *Barbara Stoner*

**Sunday, Dec. 18:** The Religious School will sponsor a Chanukah show with **ULTRAX** who will entertain us with a fast paced game show filled with holiday facts, music and excitement. Parents are very welcome to join us for this special event.

**Sunday, December 25 - Monday, January 2:** NO SCHOOL, *Winter break* (School resumes Jan. 3)

**Sunday, January 8:** Kindergarten PACT: *Shema Pajama Party*, 9:00am-10:25am

**Sunday, January 15:** NO SCHOOL, *Professional Growth Day*

**Monday, January 16:** NO SCHOOL, *Martin Luther King Day*

## MITZVAH PROJECTS

### Melissa Katz

I will be collecting the pull tabs from soda and juice cans. They will be given to the Ronald McDonald House charities. There will be Ronald McDonald House "boxes" placed around Temple and the Hebrew School wing. Thank you for your help in making this project a success.



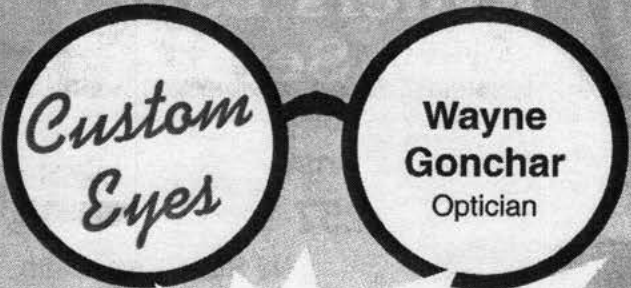
*Melissa Katz*

### Jason Seidman

Hi, my Bar Mitzvah is Dec 17<sup>th</sup>, and for my mitzvah project I have chosen to collect children's music for the Robert Wood Johnson Children's Hospital. Can you please help me out? You can leave donations of cassettes, CD's or DVD's (new or used) at the synagogue. Please identify them clearly for "Jason Seidman".

If you have any questions you can contact me at 732-297-6950 or [Jason92@optonline.net](mailto:Jason92@optonline.net).

*Thank you! Jason Seidman*



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# NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS *Phyllis Denenberg, Director*



The luncheon honoring Carol Winter was a huge success! I want to personally thank everyone who came, made donations (money and/or time) in order to make this day so special for Mrs. Winter. The shul, the JCC teachers and the Parent Action Committee

all made heartfelt presentations to Carol. The multi purpose room was filled with Mrs. Winter's colleagues, family, friends, parents of current and former students and past students. I am honored and proud to have Mrs. Winter and the rest of our nursery staff teaching at our school. Our teachers have made our program so successful that families keep coming back year after year!

My staff and I have just completed a course on First Aid, Adult, Child and Infant CPR. We hope we never need to use those skills, but they are there if we need them.

The 3's and pre-K went on a trip to the State Theatre to see "Caillou's Big Book Club. This was the first bus ride for many of the children. A good time was had by all.

Our Thanksgiving feast was pleasing to the eye and to the palette. Pilgrims and Native Americans joined "their parents" in song. Class cooked and baked delicacies were consumed. Everyone said what they were thankful for.

We had picture day for the 3's and pre-K. Picture Day for the 2 1/2's and The Toddler Fun Club will be in February.

## Thank You from the Winter Family

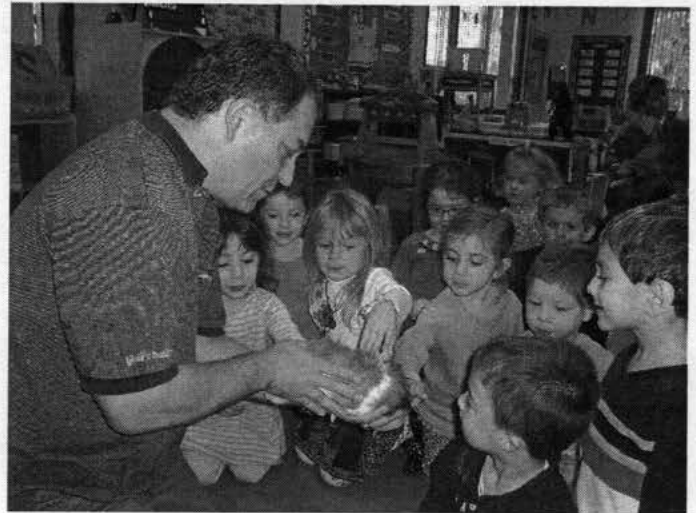
Dear Phyllis,

Thank you so much for the recognition and honor that you and Congregation B'nai Tikvah has bestowed upon my wife, Carol. As a teacher of 33 years in the New York City School system and over 25 years in various Yeshivas, I am very much aware of what this event means to Carol and our family. I know that she is extremely dedicated to her work as both a Nursery School and Religious School teacher. I am sure that this celebration of her 20 years as a Nursery School teacher at Congregation B'nai Tikvah only strengthens her resolve to continue to do the best she can for all of her students.

In my conversations with her about this event, I know how proud she is to have been given this honor and recognition by her colleagues, the parents and students, her family, friends, and synagogue leadership.

Please accept this tribute to the Nursery School in recognition of this special moment in Carol's life. I am sure that it is a day that she will never forget!

Sincerely,  
Mark Winter & Family



Howie Berkowitz from Pets, Pets, Pets brings one of the animals from Noah's Ark!

We visited the Rutgers Geology Museum. The Yiladeem (children) have been learning about dinosaurs and rocks. The museum had real dinosaur bones found in Middlesex County! The rock formations were awesome. The colors were unbelievable! A big thank you to all the parents who drove.

In conjunction with our unit on Community Helpers, Officer Rickle from South Brunswick came to visit us. He explained what his job was. Rabbi Eligberg came to read to us (December is Jewish Book Month) and told us about his job. We even had Sergio come and explain to us what a custodian does. The pre-K went on a trip to Magyar Bank to see what jobs there are in a bank. The yiladeem were able to go into the vault, learn about the coin counting machine and talk on the microphones of the tellers that dealt with the people in cars. The bank gave us kosher snacks and goody bags too!

We had a book fair from Scholastic and KinderKlassics. The Scholastic book fair was buy one get one free and most of the free books were donated by the parents to children's charities. For every 2 books ordered from KinderKlassics, the company donated 1 book to the same charities.

Uncle John's traveling Puppet Show was the entertainment at this year's Chanukah Party. Everyone was laughing, singing and dancing. The latkes were delicious. Again, I thank those parents who helped out.

The board of Bnai Tikvah has approved the opening of a Day Camp this summer (2006). The campers will be ages 2 1/2 to 5 (going into kindergarten). A mailing will go out soon.

Registration for the 2006-2007 school year will be starting in January-February. We will be posting the new hours and programs on the nursery website. A mailing will go out soon. Have a Happy Chanukah! See you in 2006!

*Phyllis Denenberg*

# B'NAI TIKVAH YOUTH

## KADIMA

Rachel Sakofs, Advisor  
732-317-4038  
kadima@bnaitikvah.org

Now that we have tie-dyed Kadima T-shirts while eating Chinese food, and have seen the talented Rutgers Hillel students perform *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, we are going to keep the year going strong with more exciting programs!!

Here's what's to come in December,

**December 4th: We are going to Glassworks Studio** to make our own unique colorful glass Hanukkah drip plates.

**December 17th: We will be taking part in the regional bowling event to raise money for B'Yadchad.** Get your pledges ready as we get strikes and spares, while meeting other Jewish kids from the region!!

**December 21st: We will have our Hanukkah celebration, Lemons and Latkahs at the synagogue.** Each Kadimanick will bring an item/gift that they have received in the past that they don't want and we will auction them off to others, raising money for tzedekah and enjoying latkahs!!



Check your emails and flyers for more details! There will be tons of great events to come, so if you aren't a member and want to become one, contact me for more information.

Rachel Sakofs  
Kadima Advisor

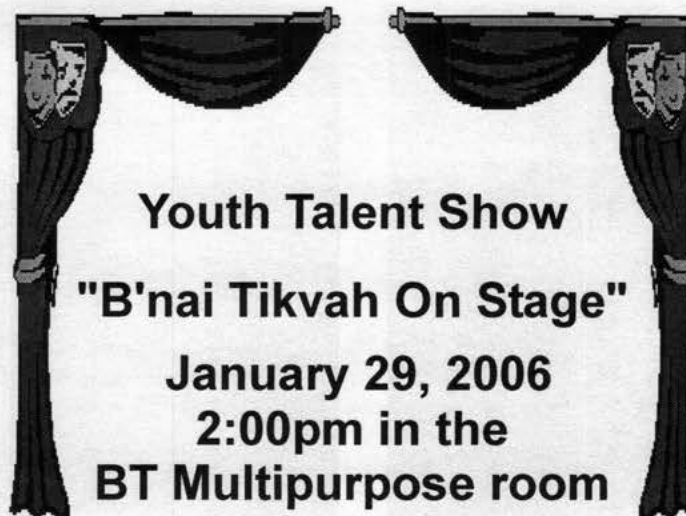
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## Youth Talent Show

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January 29, 2006

2:00pm in the  
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Ticket Sales will begin January 8th.

See enclosed flier for performers  
(ages 8-18)  
to sign up to participate in the show.

Talent Show Committee: Jodi Eisenberg, Aly Angstreich, Josh Kamen, Tamara Rucko, Courtney Cohen, Ellie Tunison, Benjy Levin, Jessica Warner, Kira Greenberg, Rebecca Shapiro, Sarah Feldman, Matt Weinstein and Rebekah Riemann.

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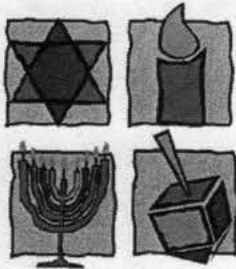
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# B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

## Sisterhood



**Hanukkah Bazaar Sunday, December 4 and Sunday December 11 from 9 to noon.**

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### Send a Special Message for the Holiday

Send a Leagram. The cost is 1 for \$3 or 2 for \$5. Please contact Serena Blackin at 732-390-9515 or e-mail at [Leagrams@bnaitikvah.org](mailto:Leagrams@bnaitikvah.org).

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

Join us for breakfast and Israeli dancing. And bring your "like new" shoes--men's, women's and kids of all ages--dress shoes, casual shoes, boots, sneakers. All will be donated to the needy.

### Don't be left behind!

Although you won't be going anywhere on this virtual vacation, the deadline for "reservations" for the "NO SHOW-NO GO" Vacation is January 15!

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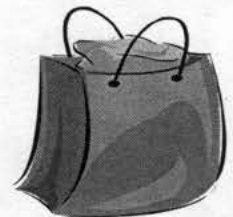
We have an expanded selection of menorahs, candles, gift wrap, children's toys, and gelt.

### New Hours For December!



**Morning hours**  
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# B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

## MEN'S CLUB

### Joint Meeting with Sisterhood

December 11th  
9am

A special thank you to the following adults and children who assisted with the construction of the Sukkah:

- Joel Gerbman
- Ed Birch
- Andy Jackenthal
- Rachel Blackin
- Rob Blackin
- Jackie Master
- Ed Hirsch
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- Steve Katz
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- Joshua Safeer
- Daniel Garten
- Norm Feinstein
- Howie Nass
- Jeremy Nass
- Matt Katz
- Steven Birch
- Melissa Katz

The construction took almost an hour less than last year. Special thank you to Ed Hirsch, Rob Blackin, Andy Ross, Phil Welsher, and Arthur Biderman on the high ladders. The project could never have been completed without the pre-construction color coding of the parts by Andy Jackenthal and the supervision of Steve Katz. Thanks to Andrea Katz for shopping for the breakfast for our construction workers.

*Thanks again.  
Ed Birch and Steve Katz*

## ISRAELI FOLK DANCE FAMILY HOUR

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

It is not too late to sign up for the Israeli Dance program. All registration for the Family Hour Israeli Dance program is due by Friday morning, Dec. 2. The Family Hour will be held Saturday, December 3 from 7:30-8:30 PM in the multi-purpose room. Come and dance with Israeli Dance Instructor Don Shillinger. Refreshments will be served. Call Lisa Mason, Programming Director for info. or see the B'nai Tikvah website under programs. 732-297-0696 ext. 12

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Joe Grodman's tefilin were taken from the cabinet in the cootroom over the holidays. We had hoped that someone would have noticed they had the wrong set and returned them by now. They were given to Joe for his Bar Mitzvah by his father and have great sentimental value. His father is not alive to replace them. Please, if you have them return them to the Synagogue office. Thank you.

*Renee Grodman*

## "Raise Our Voices" Concert to Take Place February 26

The tradition continues...

An unforgettable day of Jewish spirit, song and music takes place at the 4th annual "Raise Our Voices For Israel" concert on Sunday, February 26, 2006 at Anshe Emeth Memorial Temple in New Brunswick. There will be two performances at 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM in this newly renovated, historic synagogue. More than twenty groups including synagogue choirs, cantors, instrumental ensembles and soloists will perform. The Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County, our host synagogue Anshe Emeth, all synagogues and Jewish agencies in greater Middlesex County are co-sponsoring this event. All funds raised at this event benefit Operation Promise which helps in settling Ethiopians and other immigrants in Israel. Ticket information and additional details will be available in January. For more information, please contact:

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## SOCIAL ACTION

**A Big Thank You** to the following volunteers who sorted clothing for the Clothesline Bus to be donated to the needy: Janice Baer, Ed Rosen, Sandy Sharon, Linda Gottesman, Amy Smith, Bruce Feldman, 5 year old Hannah Waksman, Andrew Lewis, Benjy Levin, Evan Jacobs, Linda Kohn, Josh Kohn. We apologize if have inadvertently omitted anyone.

Many thanks to Janice Baer and Linda Jacobs who joined me on November 13<sup>th</sup> to distribute the clothing to the needy in front of Elijah's Promise, New Brunswick.

*Laura Waksman*  
Social Action chair

**TZEDAKAH REMINDER:** Turn in your cardboard tzedakah boxes which you received at the opening day celebration of the building expansion to Roz in the office as soon as possible. This money will be used to purchase holiday gifts for our needy family holiday program.

**CALLING ALL KIDS:** Are you interested in performing the mitzvah of visiting the elderly at the Central Jersey Jewish Home in Somerset? The visit will likely involve playing Bingo with the residents. Would you help feed needy children by packing food and essentials for Feed the Children in North Brunswick? Mitzvah makers age 7 and up are welcome.

### Social Action Food of the Month: Items to be distributed to local food pantries

**December:**

Macaroni and cheese, canned tuna,  
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**January:**

Cereal and Parmalat



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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](mailto:Janice.Baer@Bnaitikvah.org) or call Janice at 732-940-0268

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## HAPPY HANUKAH from the SUPERMARKET SCRIP COMMITTEE

December is here and so is Chanukah, New Year's Eve, school holidays/vacations...got it? Good! Since the first candle is not until the 25<sup>th</sup>, you have ample time to purchase all the supermarket scrip needed for your Chanukah meals. Potato latkes will be frying in many homes during the holiday, so get some scrip from your favorite stores, make a list of the ingredients you need for those tasty tater pancakes and go to the stores.

The supermarket scrip program is one of Congregation B'nai Tikvah's fundraisers where 5% of the sales helps our synagogue's economy. **A&P, Acme, Pathmark, Shop Rite, Stop & Shop or Wild Oats** are the participating stores. Purchase the scrip by: Visiting the scrip committee's table during Sunday religious school hours, going on line at [www.bnaitikvah.org](http://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 at [Rachel.Shaneson@bnaitikvah.org](mailto:Rachel.Shaneson@bnaitikvah.org). The scrip committee will make arrangements with you for FREE delivery, when requested. Orders exceeding \$1000 are gladly accepted when made in advance. Scrip may be purchased with cash, check or credit cards.



**This month's hint:** This month's tip is more like a "did you know that?" Yes, did you know that supermarket scrip makes a fine present? College students, elderly relatives/friends, teachers, etc. will all be able to use and enjoy this type of present. They, like us, do have to eat too, you know. Further, did you

know that some of your favorite supermarket scrip may be used at other stores, not just for the ones you think. For instance, **Stop & Shop** may also be used at **Giant, Super G, Grant Food Stores, Martin Food Markets and Tops Stores**. **Wild Oats** scrip may be redeemed at **Henry's Farmers and Sun Harvest stores**. **Acme** scrip cards are also good at **Albertson's, Jewel-Osco, Osco Drugs, Savon and Shaw's**. Finally, and this is a biggie: **A&P** scrip is also accepted at **Waldbaum's, Super Fresh, Farmer Jack, Sav-a-Center, Food Emporium and Food Basics USA**. Now that you know supermarket scrip is good at more locations, think about those who live within shopping distance of any of these facilities, buy the scrip cards and spread them out far and wide!

Linda Feinstein

# 50plus



## Chanukah Party December 27th

The Fifty Plus Group will be celebrating Chanukah at our meeting on Tuesday, December 27, at 1 p.m. in the Social Hall of the Synagogue. Prizes, surprises, entertainment, and of course traditional refreshments. Be sure to join us and bring a prospective member.



## December 11th Schechter Breakfast Postponed

Due to scheduling problems, the Soloman Schechter Day School/B'nai Tikvah Breakfast honoring Lois Shulman and Jerry Kaminsky will not take place on December 11th as planned. The breakfast will be rescheduled for a later date.



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