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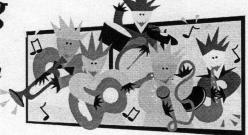
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& Sing-Along

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Tu B'Shvat Seder

Sunday, February 12, 2006 at 4:30pm. RSVP via the flyer in this HaKol

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WORLD WIDE WRAP

Feb 5th Sponsored by the Men's Club

Coed Adult Beach Volleyball!

Saturday February 18th 7:30pm

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RABBI ELIGBERG SPEAKS

"Smoke on the water... Fire in the sky!"

-Deep Purple

OK. The quote does sound a little like Chicken Little's overwrought concerns But there is something burning in America every day. Americans burn 8 million barrels of oil every day for cars, SUVs, and trucks. The United States has the highest per capita use of energy in the world. With less than 5 percent of the world's population the United States is responsible for almost 25 percent of global carbon emissions. The average fuel economy of American vehicles is now at its lowest level since 1980, while fuel consumption was at its highest!

A world-wide scientific consensus recognizes that fossil fuel emissions are significant contributors to global warming resulting in a degradation of the environment and the viability of many ecosystems, as well as an exacerbation of health problems for millions of people. Every gallon of gas burned releases twenty pounds of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere!

From the moment Adam and Eve were placed in the Garden of Eden humankind has had a sacred obligation to preserve and protect God's creation. As stewards of the Holy One we have been entrusted with meeting the needs of those who dwell on Earth without compromising the ability of future generations to do the same.

The Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life has developed a series of principles, consistent with the values of our tradition, and viable as the basis for policies addressing climate change.

Responsibilities to Future Generations

Humankind has a solemn obligation to improve the world for future generations. Minimizing climate change requires us to learn how to live within the ecological limits of the Earth so that we will not compromise the ecological or economic security of those who come after us.

Integrity of Creation

Humankind has an obligation to protect the integrity of ecological systems so that their diverse constituent species, including humans, can thrive.

Equitable Distribution of Responsibility

Nations' responsibility for reducing greenhouse gas emissions should correlate to their contribution to the problem. The United States has built an economy highly dependent upon fossil fuel use that has affected the entire globe and must therefore reduce greenhouse gas emissions in a manner which accounts for its share of the problem.

Protection of the Vulnerable

The requirements and implementations of procedures to address climate change must protect those most vulnerable to climate change: poor people, those living in coastal areas, and those who rely on subsistence agriculture.

Energy Independence

In recent years, the US has become increasingly dependent on foreign oil supplies, with important implications for US foreign policy, economic dislocation, and trade deficits. Aggressive measures to wean the US economy from its reliance on fossil fuels will contribute substantially to a secure energy policy.

In Pirke Avot/ Ethics of the Fathers we read the famous teaching of Rabbi Tarfon, "It is not your duty to finish the work, but neither are you free to desist from it." Addressing environmental problems requires a long term effort on a global scale to be successful. That does not exempt us from doing what is within our grasp and be a force for positive change.

We can support COEJL in its advocacy efforts which encourage: the negotiation and ratification of binding international agreements to minimize climate change and commit industrialized and developing nations to reduce current and projected emissions; to increase Corporate Average Fuel Economy Standards (CAFE) for all vehicles and eliminate loopholes for SUVs; to appropriate foreign aid to developing nations to control carbon emissions; to appropriate funds and create incentives to effect the rapid adoption of clean and renewable energy sources and technologies; and to create programs to help those in the US whose economic security would be jeopardized by changes in energy policy, such as assistance to the poor to meet increased expenses and transition assistance and retraining for coal miners and other affected workers.

We can encourage our Senators and Representatives to support legislation such as The Climate Stewardship Act (S 342) or (HR 759) and The United States - Israel Energy Cooperation Act (HR 5342) which would establish a grant program to fund joint ventures between American and Israeli businesses, academic institutions and non-profit agencies with the goal of promoting the development of clean alternative fuels and more energy efficient technologies.

We can participate in The New Jersey Clean Power Choice Program allowing us to purchase renewable energy from the green Mountain Energy Company and offset the environmental impact of our current energy usage.

We can purchase with prudence, choosing cars that maximize fuel efficiency and appliances that carry high ratings for their energy usage.

Over a century ago Jews began the arduous process of transforming swamps and deserts into a lush and verdant land, a hint of the Garden of Eden itself. For decades, Jews around the world put coins in little blue boxes before Shabbat and planted trees in Israel in celebration of Tu B'Shevat. Tu B'Shevat connected us to the land of Israel and to our responsibility to the world in which we live. Tu B'Shevat now challenges us to be God's stewards and defenders of Creation. As the midrash in Kohelet Rabbah warns: "Take care of My world for after you there is no one to repair it."

With blessings, Rabbi David M. Eligberg

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ADULT EDUCATION

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BIBLE PEOPLE

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Date
February 1
February 8

February 15

Rabbi

Bennet Miller David Eligberg

Stephanie Dickstein

February 22 Robert Alpert

Visiting From Anshe Emeth

B'nai Tikvah Jewish Health,

Jewish Health, Leah Healing, and Recovery Network

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Subject

Elijah

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Did You Miss Paper Clips...

Would you like to see it again?

PAPER CLIPS

www.paperclipsmovie.com

Thursday February 23rd - 7:45 PM

Age appropriate 13 + RSVP - a must to Elliott Danto 732-297-6175 iamell@comcast.net

Upcoming movies: Whale Rider, The Frisco Kid, The Chosen, Pleasantville. Suggestions for other movies please contact the Activities Committee or Elliot.

SAVE THE DATES:

WEDS. MARCH 22ND AND 29TH

The Two-Part Series
"THE CURIOUS HISTORY
OF THE BIBLICAL PASSOVER"

Presented by Azzan Yadin

Also, we are trying to reschedule the program on **Technology & Our Kids**,

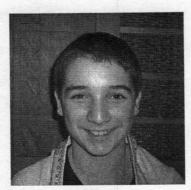
for later this spring. Keep a look out for the date.

Cindy Gittleman, VP Activities

FEBRUARY B'NAI MITZVAH



Samantha Berk Feb 4 Bob & Sherry Berk



Ethan Weg Feb. 18 Allen & Nadine Weg



Kira Greenberg
Feb. 25
Dan & Carol Greenberg

OUR HAZZAN'S VOICE Cantor Bruce Rockman

Shabbat Shirah, Saturday February 11. And I Want You to be Here To Experience the Joy and Exhilaration

"Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord. They said I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously." Exodus 15:1

Thus begins "The Song of the Sea" which celebrates the acts of God at the Sea of Reeds. Moses plays no active role; it is "the blast of God's Nostrils" and the right hand of the Lord that splits the sea. The song concludes with the affirmation of God's redemption of the Israelites from Egypt which will culminate with the reestablishment of our home in the Land of Israel and. "You will bring them and plant them in Your own mountain, The place You made to dwell in, O Lord, The sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands established. The Lord will reign for ever and ever!" Exodus 15:17-18

We read this section of the Torah each day during our morning prayers, thus acclaiming God's wondrousness. It is just that simple and exhilarating. Once a year, on the Shabbat that we read this section from the Torah we celebrate God's glorious triumph as Miriam the prophetess did, (who) took timbrel in hand, and (lead) all the women (who) went out after her in dance with timbrels.

At B'nai Tikvah we celebrate this event with a great deal of zeal and ruach, the Hebrew word for spirit. And I want you to be here to experience the joy and exhilaration. We have 2 major events on Shabbat Shirah following the special service in which we sing and dance to the Song of the Sea we will continue the excitement with a "Lunch and Sing" program.

Another special event will be on that Saturday night, February 11 at 8PM. The Sons of Tikvah Band will perform the 5th Annual Shabbat Shirah Sing-Along and Concert. We thank our many supporters and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible here in our new all purpose room for this spectacular evening of Jewish music. We really want to pack the room and celebrate with our B'nai Tikvah families and friends. All are welcome to this FREE CONCERT.

Our band is B'nai Tikvah. It expresses who we are as Jews, our hopeful-

ness and our pride. The Sons have been received much acclaim in our region, and this reflects upon our congregation. We reach out to the community and proclaim our passion for God, for Jewish music and affirm that B'nai Tikvah is the place to be. concert; we want to share our joy with The volunteers in the band, who like you, contribute to the congregation in many ways. We pray side by side and like you they serve on committees and make financial contributions to our institution. When the group represents the congregation in

the community, we represent our ideals as Conservative Jews and our traditional progressive home, B'nai Tikvah, which a very special and welcoming place.

Please join us for our very special all of you!

> Worship Adonai in Gladness... with joyous song! Cantor Bruce Rockman and the Sons of Tikvah Band

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Saturday Evening, February 11, At 8:00 PM

> Please join us for an evening of Spirited singing and dancing

> > Sponsored by

The Membership Committee of Congregation B'nai Tikvah

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The Newsletter of Congregation B'nai Tikvah JCC of North & South Brunswick

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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 communitv.

All Submissions for the March HAKOL must be in by February 15th

We recommend sending submissions and correspondence via e-mail to: Hakol@bnaitikvah.org

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

SUBMISSION FORMATS:

TEXT: Editorial submissions should be in plain text format, with no formatting, tabs, columns or fonts. Just type an email, 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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IMAGES & GRAPHICS: Digital images: (Preferred) 300 dpi black & white/ grayscale pdf, 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.

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dan Greenberg

This month, my family and I are thrilled to be celebrating the Bat Mitzvah of our daughter Kira. Like most B'nai Mitzvot at Congregation B'nai Tikvah, she has worked hard and studied long hours to prepare for this day, and Caryl and I are so proud of her.

Seeing Kira as a Bat Mitzvah makes me reminisce about us moving to Kendall Park back in 1993. For several months before we moved, Caryl and I (all right, it was almost all Caryl) packed box after box of books, household goods, and assorted paraphernalia, preparing for our move from North Jersey to the wilds of Middlesex County. The hardest part was that Caryl was pregnant, and she was also taking care of Josh (who was then not quite two years old).

After driving down here from Englewood just about every weekend to check on the progress of construction, we finally closed on the house. Kira was born on Inauguration Day 1993 (I remember watching Bill Clinton getting sworn in from Caryl's hospital room) and six days later, moving day was here.

When we picked this area to buy a home and raise our children, we knew that there was a synagogue a few minutes drive away, but for whatever reason, we never actually attended the services there before moving here. I hate to say it, but it just wasn't a high priority for us.

Over subsequent years of course, that changed. We were made to feel welcome here, we started coming to services more often, and we enjoyed the warm, friendly feeling that was (and is) so much a part of this place. And our kids became part of that enjoyment. They went to babysitting on Shabbat, they had fun at the monthly family services, and eventually enjoyed going to Junior Congregation. It didn't take very long for them to establish a comfort level for B'nai Tikvah – for the people, for the services and for the activities that are so much a part of this place.

As they got older, our kids joined Kadimah and USY and are now having fun doing all kinds of activities in our synagogue. It is a very comfortable place for them, as I know it is for so many other kids. For us, it was a complete accident that B'nai Tikvah was the closest synagogue to our home when we purchased it 13 years ago. Luckily for us, it was a good accident!

The years have flown by; Josh is now in high school, Kira is having her Bat Mitzyah, and our baby girl Rachel is quickly growing up. (The scary thought is that by next year, we will have her Bat Mitzvah date already!) And looking back over the past 13 years, I know we couldn't have picked a better synagogue anywhere to become involved in, or to raise our kids in. I am very proud to be a member of B'nai Tikvah – collectively, we are an amazing community that never ceases to amaze me.

I look forward to the next 13 years, and beyond.

Best. Danny Greenberg

Sunday February 26th
The 4th Annual
"Raise Our Voices" Concert
at
Anshe Emeth Memorial Temple in New Brunswick.
This year there will be 2 concerts: 2PM and 6PM.

Tickets are Limited
Contact the Synagogue Office
Or See the Flyer in this HaKol

A MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

Ruth Anne Koenick, VP Membership

Mazel Tov to

Fern and Alan Katronetsky on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Marc

Lisa and Richard Seidman on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Jason

Mitchell Rucko on the Bat Mitzvah of his daughter Tamara

Joel and Jamie Rothfus on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Talia

Our sincere condolences to:

Ron Klein on the loss of his beloved mother Vera Klein.

Mitchell Rucko on the loss of his beloved father Hyman Rucko

Michele Greenfield on the loss of her beloved father Hyman Arougheti

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

We warmly welcome:

Sharon Peisecki. Sharon majored in Elementary and Special Education at Syracuse University and is currently a first grade teacher at the Judd School in North Brunswick. Before starting her teaching career, Sharon worked for Walt Disney World in the special events area. I've known Sharon for many years, she is a Piscataway High School graduate, but many of you met her for the first time when she presented Brittany Altman with the Illustrated Torah at her bat mitzvah in December.

Sharon has lived in North Brunswick for five years. Both she and her mother Joann, also a new member, joined B'nai Tikvah because they knew people who were already members and because it felt like family.

Join us for the next membership committee meeting at 7:30 on Thursday February 16th.

Development Corporation for Israel STATE OF ISRAEL BONDS

Dear Friends,

There are some changes occurring relating to our local Highland Park office of the State of Israel Bonds. In April, that office will be closed and moved into the Greater Middlesex County Federation Offices in South River.

You can still contact the Israel Bonds Office at (732)-828-0200, and Richard Hirschorn will be available to answer your questions. I encourage you to also use the website, www.israelbonds.com for forms and information.

Anita B. Fray, who ran and supported our area, is now the Executive Director for New Jersey and will be working out of Livingston, NJ.

These changes, to maximize efficiencies, were made after a careful review and are consistent with consolidation in other regions of the United States.

Thank you for your support and contact us with any questions.

Larry Cohen, Congregation B'nai Tikvah, Co-Chair Israel Bonds Larry.Cohen@BnaiTikvah.org



ISRAEL TASKFORCE Alan Kane, Chairperson

A Chaperone's Story

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Nahal Arugot. These words meant absolutely nothing to me last February when Arie Behar added them to the itinerary for our congregation's first youth mission to Israel. We had hosted our Israeli guests for the last few years and now it would be their turn to open their homes to us. Both sides were excited at the prospect of making it an actual reciprocal exchange program. Having been to Israel the year before, I had

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a sense of familiarity with most of the tour sites. But Nahal Arugot remained a mystery. All Arie would divulge was that we would be taking a little hike and that we should bring Teva sandals or water shoes and wear a bathing suit since there was a stream that would keep us cool in the desert heat. It was scheduled for the same day that we were planning to wake up at four o'clock in the morning to start a predawn hike up the snake trail to the top of

Masada for a sunrise service. It was also the same day that we had scheduled the kids to experience the Dead Sea. Would it be possible to fit all this into one day: climb the Masada snake trail, swim in the Dead Sea, and hike again in the desert with temperatures soaring to the mid 90s?

Arie assured me that it could all be done and that the kids would love it and we would all sleep well that night. In the back of my mind however, a debate was brewing between the adventurous boy scout of my youth and the reality of an out of shape physique. So the plan was made and later in Israel with the teens, that day finally arrived.

Rousing half a dozen teenagers in the pre-dawn hours was an adventure in itself as we got our gear together only to arrive at Masada a half hour before they would let us begin the ascent. When the guard finally let us start, the teens, lead by Arie, began scampering up the steep trail like a herd of mountain goats. Arie after all, had trained for months for his just completed climb of Mount Kilimanjaro. I knew the day was going to be interesting when I lost sight of them six minutes later. There I was, slogging up the trail all by myself in the dark. I made it to the top of Masada about twenty minutes behind the group just as the sun rose. I quickly forgot all about my aches and pains when I saw the look of awe and inspiration on the kid's faces as they witnessed a glorious multi-hued sunrise over the Dead Sea and desert landscape.

After the kids had their swim, if you could call bobbing like a cork a swim, off we went to our next hike. Nahal Arugot is a one of Israel's many national parks. It is a narrow canyon with steep rocky sides. Running through the center is a freshwater stream surrounded by lush green vegetation. We started off down the trail when our intrepid leader suddenly changed course and plunged into the middle of the stream, announcing that this was the way he used to hike it. We all had water sandals on except for one of the teens who lost his and had to wear his regular leather hiking boots. Unfortunately for him, they

kept filling with gravel as we walked so he had to stop frequently to empty them out. I would wait for him while the others forged ahead. He didn't know it at the time but I really appreciated those "rest stops". If not for those boots, it would have been a repeat of the day's earlier lonely hike following up the rear. At the end of the stream we came upon a pool with a waterfall pouring into it from a hundred feet up. What a beauti-

ful sight. We found ourselves in the company of Israelis who had hiked the "dry" trail to this hidden oasis. As the group swam and splashed under the crystal clear cascading water, I saw this excursion as a metaphor for the whole trip. There we were: physically, intellectually, spiritually, and socially immersed in the Land of Israel. Hiking back on an uphill trail to the rim, I was so exhilarated that I hardly noticed the strenuous climb. I

will always remember this day as one of my best experiences in Israel.

Our next teen mission to Israel will be April 6 - 18, 2006. If your son or daughter would like to participate in the experience of a lifetime, give me a call or send in the form mailed with this Hakol. Alan Kane, 732-418-1913



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
Wednesda	ay	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**

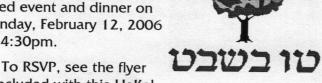
CONGREGATION EVENTS AND INFO

TU B'SHVAT SEDER

Tu B'Shvat, the 15th day of the Jewish month of Shevat, is a holiday also known as the New Year for Trees. There are a few customs or observances related to this holiday. One custom is to eat a new fruit on this day, especially fruit that is indigenous to the Land of Israel. Some people plant trees on Tu B'Shvat.

At Bnai Tikvah we hold a Tu B'Shvat Seder.

Please join us for this funfilled event and dinner on Sunday, February 12, 2006 at 4:30pm.



included with this HaKol



B'nai Mitzvah Class Meetings 2007, 2008 and 2009

Parents of children in the above B'nai Mitzvah classes are invited to attend meetings on the following dates:

BM Class of 2007 BM Class of 2008 BM Class of 2009 Thursday, January 12 Thursday, February 9 Thursday, March 16

7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

Important information will be discussed at each meeting so we hope to see you there.



Hold the date

Sunday, March 19 12:00 - 3:00

Annual Purim Carnival

Fun, Food, Prizes Visit the Shushan Market Cafe and Carnival Village

Despite the rain and dreary day,

Our Annual Chanukah Party Was A Lot of Fun.

The Rabbi's scavenger hunt was a highlight of the afternoon, followed by everyone lighting their Chanukah Menorahs.

The following people sponsored a box of donuts (or more), thank you very much: Rob and Serena Blackin and family, Al and Phyllis Garten and Family, Neal and Cindy Gittleman and Family, Michael Greenfield. Terry and Sylvia Katz, Tom and Hope Peters and Family, Jon and Lori Sookerman and Family, Sherry Valan.

Congratulations to our 50/50 winner, Aaron Rosloff, who graciously donated back his winnings to the Ritual buget.

Congratulations to Sherry Valan, the winner of our Chanukah gift package of Chanukah candles, a Chanukah drip tray and Chanukah spreaders.

A special thank you to everyone who volunteered to shop and to help out throughout the afternoon and for those people who stayed to clean up, your help, as usual, is greatly appreciated. Thanks to Al Garten, Andy Jackenthal, Ruth Anne Koenick, Hope and Tom Peters, Shelly Wistreich, Beth Schurman, Shirley and Marty Engle, Hadas Elami, Mark Roller and Rabbi Eligerg. If I forgot you, please let me know!!!

Bobbi Binder

March 31, 2006 will be the one year Anniversary of

B'nai Tikvah's **Ebay Fundraiser**



Our goal for the one-year anniversary is \$1.000

Bonnie needs your help!!!

Visit the webpage at http:// www.BnaiTikvah.org/ebay.html

Email Bonnie.Kudwitt@BnaiTikvah.org or call her at 732-422-7276

Anything that can fit in a box is worth \$\$\$\$\$\$

CONGREGATION EVENTS AND INFO

CEMETARY UPDATE

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Congregation B'nai Tikvah maintains cemetery privileges at no cost for members in good standing and their immediate families in the Washington Cemetery, 104 Deans Rhode Hall Road, just off Route 130 northbound. However, certain regulations and requirements must be met in order to take advantage of these privileges.

B'nai Tikvah's requirements:

- The deceased must be Jewish by birth or by conversion in accordance with the Halachic standards of the Conservative movement. The Rabbi is the final arbiter of those standards.
- Contiguous graves may be reserved by immediate family members at a cost of \$50 per site.
- Congregants may transfer ownership of a grave to a family member (if the grave is reserved for \$50 or if purchased for \$500), but the grave cannot be sold on the open market.
- Congregants may not transfer their entitlement to a grave as a congregant in good standing to anyone else.

Washington Cemetery requirements:

- "No material other than Barre granite shall be used for monuments footstones, bases, etc. except by written approval of the [Washington Cemetery's] Board of Trustees."
- "No single headstone greater than four foot six inches in overall height including base and six feet in width whose base is not wider than seven feet will be permitted on any lot, plot or graves except by written authorization of the Cemetery's Trustees...."
- "A monument taller than 4'6" (fifty-four inches) overall (from ground level) may be erected on the payment of \$500 for each foot (12") or portion thereof for a single monument stone not to exceed 28 inches in width. Said price is posted in the Cemetery office. The over-height fee for a double monument stone shall be twice the over-height fee for a single monument stone. Said fee will be deposited into the Cemetery's Maintenance and Preservation Trust Fund. This fee will not reduce the standard or current foundation charge and Maintenance and Preservation charge."
- "No photographs may be attached to any monument or above ground structure."
- "No monument, effigy, enclosure or structure whatever, or any inscription can be placed in or upon any lot, plot, or grave which shall be detrimental, improper, offensive or injurious to the appearance of the surrounding lots, plots, or graves, or grounds. Such violations shall be determined by The [Cemetery's] Board of Trustees and they shall have the right to enter upon such lot, plot or graves and remove any offensive or improper object, without notice, at the expense of the lot, plot or grave owner, without liability."

Please address all questions to the Cemetery Committee (Cemetery@BnaiTikvah.org) or call Committee Chair Bette Koffler at 732-329-6518.

From The Webmaster

Computer Access

There are three specific locations in the B'nai Tikvah complex where computer access is freely available:

- The Nursery School break-room in the old school wing (former Religious school office),
- 2) the Library and
- 3) Classroom #13 in the new wing.

In addition to being wireless hot zones, these three locations are equipped with computers for public use. We only ask that you turn them off if no one else is using them before you leave. Wireless access is also available in the synagogue office, beit midrash, and the Kiddush room.

Gary Bergman, Webmaster

OUR NEW ADDITION NEEDS YOUR CONTACTS!

- * Looking for members that are involved with networking groups, professional groups, business associations, chambers of commerce, etc. that can put information out about our facilities. Contact Lisa Mason, Programming Director @ 732-297-0696 ext. 12 or Programming@bnaitikvah .org for brochures.
- * The new addition has a multi-purpose room with a stage, wireless internet capabilities and can seat up to 350 people.
- * There are 7 classrooms with internet hook-ups, write-on/wipe-off boards or blackboards. Each classroom can seat between 19-24 people. One room opens to accommodate 33 people.
 - * We have a kitchen and modern bathroom facilities.
- * The building is available to rent out for courses, sports, parties, mini-conferences and much more. Hours are available during the day and evenings.

Lisa Mason

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COME GROW WITH US...

Add your name to our TREE OF LIFE

Located in the Synagogue's main lobby.

10% Tu B' Shvat Discount for Orders Received Through April 1st

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Tammy Zimmerman
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Wrap up with God, then, let's have a bagel.

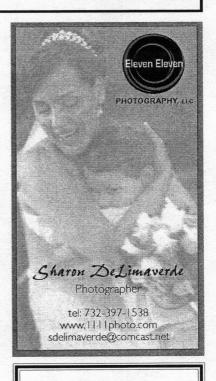


After the Wrap, join us for a bagel and drash on the Mitzvah of Tefillin.

Sunday, February 5 at 9:00 am, our Men's Club will join thousands of Jews around the world to celebrate the Mitzvah of Tefillin. Afterwards, please join us for a bagel (and more) and learn more about this wonderful mitzvah from the Rabbi and others.



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Ann Kanarek, Director

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To accomplish the goals of our religious school in the short time we have with your children each week, we need you to be our partners. Our children are the Jewish community's most precious gift and we ask that you help us to give every student in our school the best possible Jewish experience. Remember that our children look to us as role models. If you show them that Judaism and doing Jewish things are important to you, these things will become important to them.

At the end of this month (on Shabbat, February 25) we read the parasha *Mishpatim*. We read about many mitzvot (53 to be exact!), which encompass everything from murder, to occult practices, to laws of lending, to Shabbat. The Torah portion goes on to tell us how the children of Israel reacted upon hearing many of these commandments. They said, "we will do [first] and [then] we will listen." (24:7)

One would think that we need to *hear* the rules before we can *do* them! Although the wording seems to be odd at first—there are many lessons to be drawn from this. First the children of Israel signified that they were eager to accept and to do Torah - so anxious that they would accept it without knowing its contents.

The phrase tells us that we can learn by doing—and sometimes that we can only understand by doing. Sometimes by over analyzing and debating, Judaism loses something. Some things can only be felt. I have been known to say that Judaism is caught, not taught. If we do Jewish (rather than just talk about it), our hearts can then listen, and we learn from the doing.

For parents there is a lesson. We want our children to learn about Judaism. However, that is not enough. They should also be active Jews. Children will listen a lot better if they see us do. As parents, we have to be active Jews. Be our partners in your child's Jewish education. Participate in synagogue activities, and most importantly do and live Jewishly at home.



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Sample Haggadahs are in my Office if you would like to come by and review them. You will love the fact that it will be a keepsake that can be used each year at your Seders.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REMINDERS

Sunday, February 5: GIMEL CLASS C.A.F.E. program, Chamsa workshop (during regular school hours) with guest artist, Inbar Bibring HEI CLASS: WORLD WIDE WRAP with Rabbi and Cantor

Friday, February 10: Alef Naming Dinner (6:30pm) and ceremony (8:00pm)

Sunday, Feb. 12: Rescheduled <u>Jewish Book</u> <u>Month</u> author, *Robin Levinson*, workshop

Sunday, February 19: NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, President's Weekend

Monday, February 20: NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, President's Weekend

Sunday, February 26: DALET CLASS PACT Program: Bridges of Mitzvot County, 10am-12:05pm

Sunday, March 5: ALEF CLASS: C.A.F.E. Program, Siddur Covers (during regular school hours) with guest artist, Inbar Bibring

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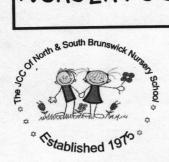
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NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS Phyllis Denenberg, Director



Come and see our new state of the art playground!! It is fantastic. I thank all of you who have helped fundraise over the past years to achieve this goal!

Every month we have a fire drill. January's was the fastest by far. Everyone arrived at the "designated area" in 3 minutes 30 seconds. That is down a full 30 seconds from the beginning of school!

Our Computer Tots class on Wednesday afternoons is going well. Registration for this program is continuing to increase. Hopefully this class will be permanent.

On January 23rd, we started a new Yoga program. There are three classes on Monday mornings. It is open to everyone. Bnai Tikvah and JCC Nursery Parents get a discount. See our website for more details.

- Mom & Baby (3 weeks-11 months)
- Mom & Tots (12-18 months) 2.
- Mom & Tykes (18-24 months)

Parent- Teacher conferences went really well. Our teachers are always available to the parents! We have gotten great feedback from parents regarding all the teachers, classes and new programs.

Sign up for our lunch program for the second half of the year has begun. Mondays will be macaroni and cheese. Wednesdays, Pizza. Fridays Bagels. We will also continue our challah program.

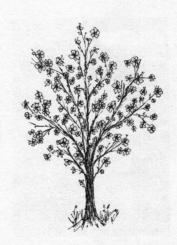


The PAC (Parent Action Committee) Chairs, Jill Glassman and Marla Radice have been doing a great job. After the Scholastic Book Fair, we were able to donate over \$100 of books to various children's charities. We thank Joella Jiorle for taking on the Library Chair. She and her committee are diligently working on setting up our new Sifria (Library). In years past, a library cart would come around and children would be taken out of class to pick out a book. This year, twice a month, the whole class will go to the Sifria in Room 1 for 15 minutes and take out books. In that way, class is not disrupted!

February 21st is Picture Day for the Toddler Fun Club and Mrs. Winter's 2 1/2 year old class.

We are looking forward to celebrating Tu B'Shevat on Monday, February 13th. Tu B'Shevat is the 15th day of the month of Shevat. It is the birthday of the trees. The yiladeem (children) will be making projects, planting and tasting different fruits grown on trees in Israel. Through the JNF (Jewish National Fund) families will be able to plant trees in Israel.

Phyllis Denenberg



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Now that we have made incredible Hanukah candle drip plates out of glass at Glassworks, exchanged our sour lemons and have Named-That-Movie, it's time to keep the fun going!! Here's what to look forward to for the upcoming months:

> Israeli Dancing **Bingo Night Movie Night Purim Carnival Booth Contest** A Chocolate Seder with East Winsdor **Rock Climbing** The Plagues Olympics

> > Regional Events include: **Spring Dance** 8th Grade Shabbaton **Spring Weekend** Israeli Day Parade **Great Adventure Day**

Look out for more details about events in your mailboxes!!! If you have any questions or comments about Kadima, please contact me, kadima@bnaitikvah.org.

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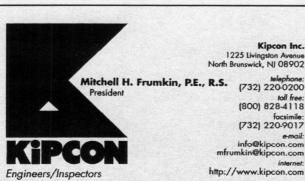
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Hey everyone!

I hope everyone enjoyed the beginning of 2006. We look forward to having a lot of great events this year. February begins with HaGalil's Mid-Winter Convention in Ocean, New Jersey.

The following Friday night, February 10, North/South Brunswick USY is holding a youth service at the synagogue. Prior to the service, there will be a dinner for USYers and their families. The meal is free for all USYers but family members must pay ahead of time. This is our first Friday night service this year. I hope everyone can attend and spend a very special Shabbat with USY. The next day, February 11, our N/S BUSY President's 18th birthday, we are having Israeli dancing. This event is going to be so much fun. Come prepared to dance and learn. This is a great way to experience Israeli culture and traditions. Look in your e-mails for more information regarding times and the RSVP date.

On Thursday, February 16, we are having a big kickball game in the gym at the synagogue. This event is from 7:30-9 pm. Come to play and cheer on other USYers.

If you would like more information about USY or you would like to join, please e-mail themer 100@verizon.net. New members are always welcome. Don't miss out on great events and great USYers.

If you are a USYer who does not receive e-mails, flyers, and/or phone calls about events, don't hesitate to e-mail me at themer 100@verizon.net. I don't want you to miss out! I hope to see you at our February events!

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Sisterhood

Israeli author Eva Etzioni-Halevy's novel, *The Song of Hannah* gives voice to two Jewish heroines of the Bible

Eva Etzioni-Halevy Sunday, February 12, 10:00 AM

On Sunday, February 12th, please join Sisterhood as we welcome author Eva Etzioni-Halevy, who is professor emeritus of political sociology at Bar Ilan University in Tel Aviv. Her unorthodox, controversial first novel about sex, love and women in the bible, *The Song of Hannah*, will be the topic of our discussion. In order for as many members as possible to read the book prior to the author's visit, it will be available in the Sisterhood gift shop for \$11 (less than ama-



zon.com)!!! Please stop by and pick up your copy.

In the tradition of the international bestseller *The Red Tent* comes a beautiful, sexy novel featuring Hannah, one of the most well-known and beloved heroines of the Old Testament. Hannah and Pninah, once close childhood friends, become rivals for the attention of Elkanah, the man who has married them both. Pninah, passionate and independent, easily bears Elkanah many children, but bitter that he has taken her friend as a second wife, seeks fulfillment with her own secret lover. Hannah, the epitome of goodness and grace, remains completely devoted to her husband, but remains childless for many years, until a promise to God brings her the son she has yearned for.

Despite their differences, these two women must learn to live together, protecting their own interests as well as each other's, while sharing not only the love of their husband, but that of Hannah's son Samuel, who will become one of the great prophets of the Jewish people.

Please join us for this exciting guest speaker and book discussion along with a delicious breakfast starting at 10 AM following Sunday morning minyan.

Support Our Local Families In Need

At the February 12 meeting we will be collecting granola bars, juice boxes, and healthy kid snacks for local food banks.

Thank you to all the Sisterhood members who participated in the highly successful needy family program. We were able to grant all the Hanukkah wishes of our needy family and elder day groups.

And thank you to all who sent in their donations for our "No Go No Show" vacation.

Rosh Chodesh Study Group

The next Sisterhood sponsored Rosh Chodesh Study Group meets Tuesday, February 28, 2006 at 7:30pm.

This class will concentrate on studying Women of the Bible. Participants will have an opportunity to select, prior to the class, a particular Biblical Woman to do an in-depth study and analysis of, and then present to the class. The Rabbi will be available to provide resource material as well as any assistance you may need.

Please choose from the following list of Biblical Women. Consider selecting one with whom you may be less familiar.

Eve	Sarah	Deborah
Rebecca	Rachel	Ruth
Leah	Dina	Naomi
Tamar	Miriam	Esther*
Abigail	Batshebah	Hannah
Batya	Yocheved	Michal
Vashti*	Yael	Rachav

Everyone is welcome. It is not necessary to have attended the first class. RSVP's appreciated, call Lynn at 732-297-6691

*Good choices as Purim is two weeks after this class meeting.



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Judaica shop trivia: Did you know that gelt can be used as treats all year round? Instead of a bow on that birthday present - gelt it! Gelt and milk is a great afternoon snack for those hungry children before they start on their homework! Candles don't spoil - you can buy them now and save for next year.



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Watch for our Passover specials the weeks of March 19 and 26, and April 2 and 9. Special raffle prizes each week with a grand prize on April 9.

Free Open House Jazzercise Class on Monday, Feb. 6 from 9:30-10:30 am in the gym.

For more info contact: Certified Jazzercise Instructor Chris Bastedo: 609-275-8000 or the website: www.southnorthbrunswickjazz.com. Classes are held every Mon, Wed, Friday mornings beginning Feb. 6th.

MEN'S CLUB

Alan Freedman **Executive Director Jewish Sports Hall of Fame**

February 12 9:30 for Minyan

This promises to be an interesting speaker & presentation. For information about the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame, please see www.jewishsports.org. \$4 per person for buffet breakfast.

The Jewish Sports Hall of Fame is located in the Suffolk Jewish Community Center in Commack, New York. Last year, a sizable contingent of B'nai Tikvah Men's Club members and their families went to the annual Induction Ceremony. We were so impressed with the program and the facility that we engaged Alan Freedman, the Executive Director of the Jewish Hall of Fame to join us for a presentation.

Alan Freedman has been the Director of the National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame and Museum from its inception in 1993. In addition, Mr. Freedman is the Assistant Executive Director at the Suffolk Jewish Community Center. Alan has a Master of Arts degree in Applied Physiology from Teacher's College at Columbia University and has been at the Suffolk JCC since 1986.

This year's Induction Ceremony is scheduled for April 30, 2006. Honorees will include: John Frank (football), Carrie Sheinberg (skier), Herb Brown and Neil Walk (basketball), Roger Kahn (author), Bob Berland (judo), Donna Orender (WNBA President), Jeff Agoos (soccer), Ilana Kloss (tennis), and Marty Ringer (basketball coach). In addition, other award winners have not been announced as of this writing.

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COMING IN MARCH:

"May I Have This Dance?" A Father/Daughter Dance

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SOCIAL ACTION

FAMILIES: SAVE THESE DATES!

Sunday, Feb 12- Kids visit to The Central New Jersey Jewish Home in Somerset. We are planning a two hour afternoon visit to play Bingo and chat with some residents who just love young visitors. You must have your own transportation to the home. Please call Andrea Katz for exact time and details at 732-329-0687, or macysmommm@aol.com.

Thursday, March 9th at 6:30 P.M. TENTATIVE date for NCJW's Mitzvah Madness event. When date is confirmed it will be on the synagogue calendar on our website. We will be joining the local chapter of the National Council for Jewish Women in our multi purpose room for an evening of family togetherness and mitzvah making. Children aged 4 and up can draw pictures, do a simple sewing project, fill goodie bags and more to benefit children in hospitals, local elderly and others. NCJW will set up stations for the activities and provide all the materials. All we need to do is show up. Please e mail Laura Waksman at socialaction@bnaitikvah.org with the number and ages of children who will be attending.

Donate Your Old Cell Phone To Help

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

Ongoing... Mitzvah Crib: We continue to welcome donations of new baby items such as diapers, wipes, bottles, toys and clothes' which will be distributed to needy families in the area.

Laura Waksman

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

February:

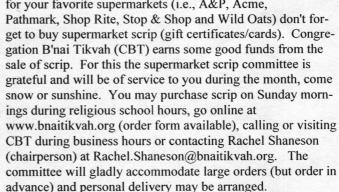
Juice Boxes, Snacks for Lunches, Canned Fruit March:

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A Few Words from the Supermarket Scrip Committee

Hibernate or activate? That is this month's question. It is February; the shortest month of the year. The weather often makes this month feel like the longest instead of the shortest. If you like to ski, skate, snowboard or anything related to winter enjoy (activate). However, if you are more like me, then pull out the windshield scrapers, snow shovels, winter boots and fantasize about palm trees, balmy weather and breezier attire (hibernate). Thankfully February is only 28 days this year.

Whichever of the preceding choices is your preference, remember YOU STILL HAVE TO EAT. So as you prepare your food shopping lists for your favorite supermarkets (i.e., A&P, Acme,



This month's tip: Continue to assist your local food pantry by purchasing winter related items. Their shelves constantly need to be replenished of any and all non perishable items. Keep these "comfort food" items on your lists when shopping: hot cocoa, tea, coffee, powdered milk, Parmalat, soup, crackers, peanut butter, jelly, oatmeal, cold cereal, jarred baby food, juices. During a snow day, do you make cakes and cookies with your kids to keep them occupied? Well, why not buy cake mixes, cookie mixes, cooking oil and foil cake pans so food pantry recipient families will also be able to do this with their families?

Until next month, keep warm and continue buying supermarket scrip! See you next month!

Linda Feinstein

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5 7 Sh'vat World Wide Wrap	6 8 Sh'vat	7 9 Sh'vat		9 11 Sh'vat	10 12 Sh'vat Birthday Shabbat	11 13 Sh'vat
Gimmel Class CAFÉ Men's Club	Board of Directors	USY Meeting	Adult Education: Bible People		Alef Class Dinner Naming Ceremony	Tot Shabbat SHABBAT SHIRA
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19 21 Sh'vat	20 22 Sh'vat Office & Schools Closed	21 23 Sh'vat	24 Sh'vat Adult Education:	23 25 Sh'vat	24 ^{26 Sh'vat}	25 27 Sh'vat Bat Mitzvah: Kira Greenberg
No Religious School	PRESIDENTS' DAY		Bible People			Bowling League
26 28 Sh'vat Dalet Class PACT New Members Meeting Raise Our Voices For Israel Concert	27 29 Sh'vat	28 30 Sh'vat 50+ Meeting Sisterhood Study ROSH CHODESH			Candle Lighting 3 rd 5:00 10 th 5:08 17 th 5:17 24 th 5:25	MARCH S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 23 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

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