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HAKOL

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YOM **HA'ATZMAUT** Israel Independence Day

ACCORDINGLY WE, MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLE'S COUNCIL, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF ERETZ-ISRAEL AND OF THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT. ARE HERE ASSEMBLED ON THE DAY OF THE TERMINATION OF THE BRITISH MANDATE OVER ERETZ-ISRAEL AND, BY VIRTUE OF OUR NATURAL AND HISTORIC RIGHT AND ON THE STRENGTH OF THE **RESOLUTION OF THE UNITED** NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, HEREBY DECLARE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JEWISH STATE IN ERETZ-ISRAEL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE STATE OF ISRAEL...

... WE AFFIX OUR SIGNATURES TO THIS PROCLAMATION ... ON THIS SABBATH EVE, THE 5TH DAY OF IYAR. 5708 (14TH MAY, 1948).

David Ben-Gurion

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YOM HA'ATZMAUT **CELEBRATION MAY 2**

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RABBI ELIBERG SPEAKS

Being half asleep for the Pesach seder is not generally the best way to have a good seder experience. Being half asleep for Birkat HaMazon (Grace After Meals) at the seder is an annual occurrence for me. Jodi watches to see at just what point my eyes start to fall shut and my head starts to nod. It's the little power nap that reenergizes me for the rest of the seder. This year I disappointed her by staying awake and alert mostly while not actually dreaming my way through that part of the seder, I was particularly struck by the first verse of the Psalm which introduces Birkat HaMazon.

"When Adonai restores Zion, we were as dreamers."
Psalm 126:1

What a powerful and yet complicated passage. The Psalmist captures the hopefulness of the return to the land of Israel. When this is read on the evening of Pesach one cannot help but see the redemption from Egypt in the past as infusing hope for the Psalmist and his listeners in the future. The verse is also challenging because of the lack of agreement between the verbs.

To resolve this tension Rabbi Robert Gordis suggests that we read the word k'cholmin differently - rearranging the letters so that the root is not to dream but to heal and thus render the verse as:

"When Adonai restores Zion, we were as those who are healed."

Read this way and from our place in history it emphasizes that the creation of the State of Israel was a necessary and essential step in the healing of the Jewish people from the ravages of centuries of abuse culminating in the horrors of the Shoah. This is not meant to suggest that Israel came into being as a result of the Shoah for the return to Zion began long before that as did its rebuilding. Nor does it mean that God permitted the Shoah as a step in bringing about the rebirth of Zion. It is meant to suggest what Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel wrote in "Israel: An echo of Eternity," "Israel enables us to bear the agony of Auschwitz without radical despair, to sense a ray of God's radiance in the jungle of history." Simple put - after the Shoah we needed Israel to help us heal, renew and continue Jewish Life.

Israel reborn became a refuge for all Jews who sought one. Jews from all over the globe came together to create a culture that reflected the diversity of the Jewish historical experience.

The Hebrew language came back to life and the promise of the Torah and the words of the prophets are being increasingly actualized with each passing day. In Israel the divine covenant with Abraham finds its ultimate expression.

Whether or not all Jews must or should live in Israel

as part of this covenant will be a topic of debate amongst Jews for centuries to come. What is not debatable is the responsibility we all have as Jews to participate in the creation, building and sustaining of our homeland. For centuries, we were the dreamers of whom the Psalmist spoke. Jews dreamt of returning and rebuilding Israel and that dream sustained us through centuries of diaspora. Those dreams kept us alive as a people, nourishing and preserving us until we could find healing in the rebirth of the State of Israel in 1948. Those dreams still move and inspire us. We still dream of an ideal Israel - a nation at peace and living with security, a society reflective of the highest aspirations and noblest ideals of our tradition, a people who are a true light unto the nations. That is the dream. To make the dream closer to a reality requires that we follow in the footsteps of those who used the dream as a guide to building a new reality.

Externally, Israel still faces enemies that seek to destroy us and terrorize us. Peace and security remain elusive, but we must continue to support those who work to find a resolution that will enable Israelis to live in peace and tranquility, either together or separately from the Palestinian community. Internally, Israeli society faces challenges and conflicts across religious, ethnic and economic divides.

Israel has not been insulated from the challenges felt by all modern states in the early 21st century. Our role must be as unique voices of moderation, reflecting the strength of Conservative Judaism. Conservative Jews must be examples of how tradition and modernity can become the expression of the Jewish dream in the next century and a paradigm for Israelis seeking to heal the rifts that are growing within our homeland. To fulfill our role in helping to make the dream a reality and a source of healing means that we need to become highly visible in our support of Israel: through traditional venues such as Federation, Israeli Bonds and the Masorti Movement; through advocacy to U.S. leaders; through the financial support we give to arms of the Conservative Movement operating in Israel; and finally, and perhaps most importantly, by visiting Israel to see how the dream is becoming real every day - to show Israelis that we are both part of the dream and part of the healing.

May our celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israeli's Independence Day, inspire us to greater effort in the service of the State of Israel and its people, our brethren.

With blessing, Rabbi David M. Eligberg

ADULT EDUCATION

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ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

A big thank you goes out to the generosity of Mark and Judy Roller and Bernie and RuthAdler, who have donated funds to help purchase needed equipment for speaker presentations in the synagogue.

YOU ARE INVITED!

Please join the Adult Education Committee for an Open Planning Meeting, Weds., May 10th at 8:00pm in the synagogue.

Ideas for trips, speakers, programs & study groups will be discussed over coffee and snacks.

This committee is open to new ideas, like yours! Any questions, please contact,

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ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday:

9:30 - 10:30 AM Jazzercise Class (Try free class the first week of May)

Every Tuesday

8-10 PM Open Court Men's Basketball

Every Thursday

10:00 AM Weight Watchers Meeting, (weigh-in at 9:30 AM)

Tuesday, May 2nd

6:30 PM Yom HaAtzma'ut Celebration (paid dinner, ma'ariv, BT Band concert)

Wednesday, May 3rd

7:00 PM Adult Yoga

Thursday, May 4th

7:30 PM USY meeting

Sunday, May 7th

9:00 AM Religious School GADNA Program 10:00 AM Sisterhood Fundraiser

Tuesday, May 9th

7:30 PM New Beginnings Meeting

Wednesday, May 10th

7:00 PM - Adult Yoga Class

Friday, May 12th

8:00 PM Bet Class Service and Birthday Shabbat

Saturday, May 13th

10:00 AM Tot Shabbat 2:00 PM Pray, Play, Pray

Sunday, May 14th

10:30 AM Religious School Gimmel Class Mock Wedding

Wednesday, May 17th

7:00 PM Adult Yoga 7:30 PM Sisterhood Meeting

Thursday, May 18th

7:30 PM USY meeting

Friday, May 19th

7: 00 PM Family Shabbat & Religious School Aleph Consecration Ceremony

Saturday, May 20th

10:30 AM Dalet Class Shabbat during last Jr. Congregation Service

Tuesday, May 23rd

1:00 PM 50+ General Meeting

Wednesday, May 24th

7:00 PM - Adult Yoga

Thursday, May 25th

7:30 AM Hei Class Siyyum Ceremony

Saturday, May 27th

9:00 PM - Synagogue Bowling

Sunday, May 28th

10:00 AM Membership Meeting -**New Members** 12:00 PM Sports Memorabilia Show

OUR HAZZAN'S VOICE Cantor Bruce Rockman

CELEBRATION ALERT! NO MATZAH

It's Hanukah, It's Purim, It's Yom Ha'atzmaut, and It's a Super Holiday!!

Celebrate Israel Independence Day at B'nai Tikvah, Don't Miss the Fun!

Last month's edition of HaKol, included a flyer for our special celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel Independence Day, on Tuesday evening May 2. I'm concerned that since you received this notice so long ago, and so much has transpired since then, Pesach for example, that this wonderful event may have flown beneath the radar of most. Make it your business to be here and join the fun of Yom Ha'atzmaut.

I desperately want you to come to this program. Let's fill all the seats of our sanctuary and set up more. I'm hoping that a large crowd of people of all ages comes and celebrates this most modern miracle of the Jewish people. It is our modern Hanukkah, and I'm hoping that we celebrate the modern State of Israel with that same joy.

Israel is our homeland, our promised land our spiritual and cultural homeland. We have no greater joy than to feel connected to our ancestral home. Israel is ours, for our children. It is our legacy for all generations. So far it has not been possible for each of us to visit The Land of Israel, but I know we all yearn to make a pilgrimage one day. For those of us who have had the opportunity, including our youth exchange students, we all look forward to the day that we again set foot on God's hallowed land. Israel is a special place for people of God and especially for the Jewish people. We express our connection with Israel in many ways, through prayer and study, our contributions, politics and culture and food to name a few. B'nai Tikvah is our spiritual connection to Israel and in many ways our cultural connection as well. So BT is the place to be for this year's annual musical celebration, the place to express and celebrate our aspirations.

The party will begin with a festive dinner at 6:30. The menu will include traditional Israeli food and some synagogue favorites for the less adventurous and the kids. Following evening services **The Sons of Tikvah Band** will show the way with our lively music. I guarantee you that it will not snow this time. It is not Sisterhood Shabbat (when it almost always snows) so the miracle of a May snowstorm is in God's hands. The last time we played for the congregation was in February, for Shabbat Shira, our celebration of Jewish music, we had fun with a few brave souls. On Tuesday May 2, I predict perfect weather.

This past year the **The Sons of Tikvah Band** has played for a number of charity events and continues to play lively Jewish music and spread the warm wishes of B'nai Tikvah to the community. We look forward to celebrating with you our families and our closest friends. **Please be here and enjoy what we have worked so hard to build.**

The Lord Bless you from Zion; may you see the welfare of Jerusalem all the days of your life; may you live to see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel. Psalm 128

Worship the Lord with gladness! Cantor Bruce Rockman

Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration May 2nd, 6:30 PM

Please contact the synagogue office with your dinner reservation and sponsorships.

Dinner is \$5 per person or \$18 for a family of 4 or more. The concert is Free.



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	у	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 AM - 12:00 PM

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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 Jewish community.

> All Submissions for the June HAKOL must be in by May 15th

We recommend sending submissions and correspodence 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 Rachel Rodriguez at 732-398-1983 or Phil Welsher at 908-874-0959 if you have any questions.

SUBMISSION FORMATS:

Text:

Editorial submissions should be in MS-Word, AppleWorks, plain text, rich text format or typed directly into the body of an e-mail. No special fonts or graphics embedded in the text file will be guaranteed. Graphics and photos should be submitted separately, rather than inside other files or documents

Graphics & Images:

Advertisements should be submitted in one of the following formats; Quark 5.0 or earlier, Indesign CS1, PDF, EPS or TIFF, BMP or JPEG files may also be used. All text should be converted to black and white. All images should be converted to grey scale. All images submitted for scanning must be photo or photo quality images.

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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

Two programs that I would like to highlight this month: Just a few weeks ago, as we celebrated Pesach, B'nai Tikvah once again hosted a group of high school kids from Ramle, Israel and for the second year, also sent a group of children to visit Israel. Once again, the experience for all was absolutely fantastic.

My family and I had the privilege of hosting John Alkalak, who is a 15 year old boy who improbably enough is a rabid NJ Nets fan. John and ten other teenagers, along with their chaperones, Egal and Ilana Cohen spent two whole weeks with us, experiencing everything from American seders to Great Adventure to shopping malls to a Nets game to a side trip to Washington DC. They went to the Empire State Building, the Statue of Liberty, Chinatown and Ground Zero. These Israelis, who went home as Passover ended, returned to their homes with a knowledge and understanding of American life that they did not have before

And of course, while publication deadlines mean that this was written before our own group returned from Israel and thus I have not spoken with them yet, I know that our B'nai Tikvah kids return to Central NJ with a new comprehension of the lives of our Israeli brethren. Led by Arie Behar and staying primarily with host families, they traveled every part of Israel, seeing the country not as tourists, but as locals would. There are so many people who worked so hard to ensure the continued success of this tremendous program, from the families who hosted guests to those who set up activities and took care of the myriad of details, and we are grateful to all of them for their incredible efforts. And of course, to Alan Kane and Arie Behar, thank you for your continued leadership in making this exchange of kids such a success. I encourage all to keep an eye on the calendar early in 2007, and consider becoming involved by sending your kids to Israel or by hosting someone next year.

If you want to get involved in helping others get to Israel now, please consider a donation to another program we ran over Passover: the Afikoman of Freedom. Just before Pesach started and we commemorated our liberation from slavery in Egypt and the beginning of our journey to freedom in the Promised Land, Mazi Melesa spoke to all of our school kids. Mazi is an Ethiopian Jew who came to Israel as part of Operation Promise, and she spoke to our children about what it was like to grow up in Ethiopia (like living in a one room house with her parents and 19 brothers and sisters!) and how she made it to Israel, learned Hebrew and English, went to boarding school, did her army service and how she became an occupational therapist. None of this would have been possible without the help of Operation Promise, the worldwide program to help the remaining 15,000 Jews get out of Ethiopia and to resettle them in Israel. In response to that need,

Promise, the worldwide program to help the remaining 15,000 Jews get out of Ethiopia and to resettle them in Israel. In response to that need, we created the Afikoman of Freedom, asking our school children to donate some or all of their Afikoman money to this worthy cause. I am very proud to report that the program was so successful that Middlesex Federation is going to implement it across the county next year. We are still accepting contributions to this fund, and hope that you will consider supporting it financially. A few weeks ago, the Haggadah challenged us to remember the journey that our ancestors, ancient and more recent traveled; to think about the blessing of freedom we enjoy; and to remind of our responsibility to fellow Jews who are still struggling to find their way through the "wilderness". Please do your part in making sure that the thousands of Ethiopian Jews who are waiting to leave can do so. Thanks!

Dan Greenberg

ISRAEL BONDS UPDATE



Dear Fellow Congregant and Friend of Israel:

As an investor (or potential investor) in Israel Bonds, you will be interested to learn of important changes to the Israel Bonds portfolio that became effective March 1. These changes include the addition of new securities and features, including instruments with maturities of only two years.

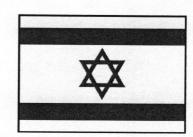
Highlights include:

- Savings Bonds. These new bonds are offered with a choice of 2 year or 10 year maturities. The bonds have a minimum \$2,500 purchase price, and carry a fixed rate of interest payable upon maturity.
- Jubilee Bonds. Two new bonds have been added to the Jubilee series. Like existing Jubilees, they are available for a minimum \$25,000 investment, and carry a fixed rate of interest. The Jubilee series now has maturity options of 2, 5, 7, or 10 years.
- Floating Rate LIBOR Bonds. Israel Bonds continues to sell 10 year LIBOR bonds, available for a minimum \$5,000 purchase -- \$4,000 or \$4,500 for IRAs.
- Mazal Tov Bonds. The popular \$100 gift bond remains available
- **Discontinued Instruments.** Israel Bonds no longer sells 7th Development Issue bonds or 8th Zero Coupon Bonds. New and existing securities can provide alternatives to these discontinued instruments.

The versatility of the new Israel Bonds portfolio offers significant choices for numerous investment objectives, including retirement plans, foundation endowments, matching funds programs, and charitable and personal gift-giving. For a prospectus and complete purchase details, you can call our local Israel Bond Office (732-828-0200) or visit www.israelbonds.com.

The new Israel Bonds portfolio will play an important part in helping to build a new Israel. We are confident of your continued support.

Sincerely, Larry Cohen, Israel Bonds Co-Chair Larry.Cohen@BnaiTikvah.org



State of Israel Bonds



Investment Rates (Illustrative Only, not an offering)

4th JUBILEE IS	SUE BOND
(2-YEAR)	4.95%
(5-YEAR)	5.00%
(7-YEAR)	5.15%
(10-YEAR)	5.30%

Fixed Annual Interest Rate for Bonds Purchased March 1, 2006 Through March 9, 2006

- Fixed annual interest rate for the life of the bond is determined at the beginning of the Sales Period in which the bond is purchased. Interest is payable by check mailed May 1 and November 1
- The bonds are being issued in book-entry form. Certificates will be issued only to government Agencies, pension funds, financial institutions and Employee Benefits Plans that so request at the time of purchase.
- The original registered owner of the Bond can assign the Bond by way of collateral security to an Institutional Lender

5-YEAR: after 3 years from issue date. 7-YEAR: after 4 years from issue date. 10-YEAR: after 5 years from issue date

MINIMUM SUBSCRIPTION: \$25,000 AND MULTIPLES OF \$5,000

STATE OF ISRAEL SAVINGS BOND (2-YEAR) 5.00% (10-YEAR) 5.40%

Fixed Annual Interest Rate for Bonds Purchased March 1, 2006 Through

- At maturity, holder receives \$2,756 per \$2,500
- unit on the 2-YEAR bond and \$4,230 per \$2,500
- unit on the 10-YEAR bond.
- Interest not paid until maturity
- The bonds are being issued in book-entry form. Certificates will be issued only to government Agencies, pension funds, financial institutions and Employee Benefits Plans that so request at the time of purchas

MINIMUM SUBSCRIPTION: \$2,500

MAZEL TOV BOND (5-YEAR)

- At maturity, holder receives \$126 representing An interest rate of 4.73%. This interest rate is Effective through March 9, 2006.
- Non-transferable except in limited circumstances (e.g., to a charity).

6th FLOATING RATE LIBOR BOND (10-YEAR) 5.20%

Initial Interest Rate for Bonds Purchased March 1, 2006 Through March 9, 2006.

Initial interest rate is 20 basis points (fixed at time of purchase) above the 6-month applicable LIBOR rate. The applicable LIBOR rate is adjusted thereafter on June 1 and December 1. This adjusted rate is determined 2 business days prior to the first business day of these months. Interest payable on June 1 and December 1 and on maturity and calculated on the basis of a 360 day year consisting of twelve 30 day months.

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If your issue date is the 15th day of the month, your bond will Mature ten (10) years from the first day of the month in which your bond was issued. If your issue date is the first day of the month, your bond will mature ten (10) years respectively from the issue date

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A MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

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Ruth Anne Koenig, VP Membership

Condolences to:

Lauren Brody on the death of her father, Martin Ellsweig;

Arlene Frumkin on the death of her mother Marian Diamond

Mazel Toy to:

Beth Miller and Doug Chin on the birth of their daughter Lauren Sarah

Rebecca and Alan Denlow on the birth of their daughter Adina Tova

Bonnie and Gary Kudwit on the bar mitzvah of their son Andrew

Jan and Joseph Herbst on the bar mitzvah of their son Alex

John & Batya Mendes on the bar mitzvah of their son Paul

Barry and Janice Kipnis on the auf ruf of their son

The new member Shabbat has been rescheduled to May 12.

Please join us to welcome the families who have joined since last spring.

MAY **FAMILY SHABBAT** DINNER

Followed by:

Family Shabbat Services Friday, May 21st at 6:00 pm

See the flyer in this month's HaKol to RSVP

CONGREGATION EVENTS



Rebecca Shapiro May 6 Ben & Jennifer Shapiro



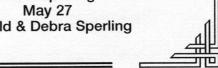
Ben & Gil Goldman May 13 Daniel & Irene Goldman



David Kessler May20 Bruce & Nan Kessler



Keith Sperling May 27 Ronald & Debra Sperling



CONGREGATION EVENTS AND INFO

From The Webmaster

MAINTAINING THE WEBSITE

When I first took over the website from Danny Greenberg's initial design, one of my long-term goals was to turn it into a "community" project.

First I had to solve the problem of how to manage simultaneous updating of pages. I developed a "websharing" system that solves this problem by automatically locking individual pages until the person working on it is finished with their changes. Second, was to provide a somewhat standardized template to allow individuals to concentrate on the page's content, and third, to provide sufficient examples and techniques for others to "borrow" ideas from.

Contrary to popular belief, it doesn't require a computer geek to maintain a website. It requires someone with some basic comfort using a computer for such things as word processing, email, and having a general feel for knowing how things should "look". Some knowledge of basic photo editing is helpful but, not absolutely necessary.

If you would like to put your knowledge of HTML to a worthwhile and practical use or even just to learn what HTML is about and why we use it, please get in touch with me to arrange a private introductory lesson.

Gary Bergman Webmaster@BnaiTikvah.org

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A Gift from the Bar/Bat Mitvah Class of 2005

Congratulations and thank you are in order for the B'nai Mitvah class of 2005!

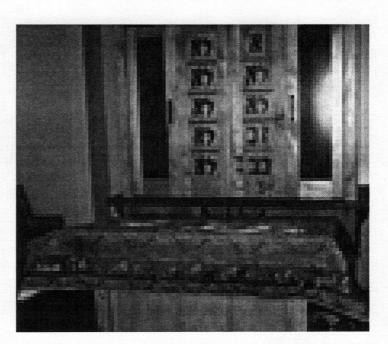
Their class gift - a beautiful, hand-crafted Amud (reading pulpit) cover - is now on display in the newly renovated beit midrash.

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The cover, designed and executed by Dorothy Cohen one of the class parents, incorporates the theme of praising God with joyful song. Key design features are musical motif appliqués surrounded by a hand-lettered border containing excerpts from psalms and prayers relating to this theme.

It's a wonderful compliment to the newly installed beit midrash ark.

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS Ann Kanarek, Director

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

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

Many thanks to our esteemed faculty:

Caren Abschutz Perelle Bernstein Melissa Burnett Faye Bronzo

Faye Bronzo Phyllis Edley Rabbi David M. Eligberg

Sara Fernandez Gina Giuffre Dan Golden Marlo Hirshon Keren Kapoano Linda Katz Sara Lewis Esther Libby

Rebekah Loewenstein Cantor Bruce Rockman

Jeremy Rosen Michele Sherman Allie Shultz Carol Winter Miriam Ziegler

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

THANK YOU TO OUR CHAI SCHOOL TEENS

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

This year's Toranim are:

Greg Aaron Samantha Berk Steven Birch Keren Brown Alexander Ciccione Matthew Cohen Craig Dickert Daniel Goldstein Evan Jacobs Ilana Katronetsky Matthew Katz Josh Kohn Benjamin Levin Noah Levin April Levine Abigail Levinson Andrew Lewis
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Thank you to Vice President of School and Youth, Jeff Cadoff and Religious Education Chairperson, Kim Riemann and their committee for their encouragement and efforts all year. Many thanks to all the subcommittees for helping us to make our Shabbat dinners and other holiday celebrations special.

SPECIAL GRADUATION SERVICES, Thursday, May 25, 7:30PM Hei Class Siyum (7th Grade Class Commencement) Service

On Thursday, May 25, we will have an opportunity to celebrate with our Hei class at their siyum service. This special service marks the completion of one segment of our students' Jewish education here at B'NAI TIKVAH, and the beginning of another, the CHAI School program.

This is an exciting event for which our seventh graders have been eagerly working. As a culmination of their studies, students will be sharing Jewish rituals that are particularly meaningful to them. The theme this year is how we learn and live Judaism. Their play "Find Yourself a Friend" beautifully explains how each one of us can be a better person and a proud Jew.

Please join us as our hei students "graduate" from Hebrew School and share their service with the congregation.

Congregation B'NAI TIKVAH extends heartfelt good wishes to the members of the 2006 Religious Hei (7th grade) Class.

CHAI SCHOOL GRADUATION

Several years after Bar/Bat Mitzvah our students graduate from Chai School. In our Congregation, graduation is celebrated in 11th grade. This ceremony affirms one's commitment to the study, observance, and practice of our tradition. We will celebrate our class' graduation on Thursday, May 25, 7:30PM.(*please note the date has been changed). Our graduates will lead a creative service that they have prepared. This promises to be a very special service and memorable experience. Our students will each read poetry and selected readings that they have put together for a very beautiful service. We hope that many of you will join us as we congratulate this year's graduation class.

We offer Mazal Tov to this year's "CHAI" School graduates:

ALLISON BAER MATTHEW RUCKO ALEX WELSHER

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

Kol HaKavod to all our Teachers

As we approach the end of the school year, we recognize the hard work and dedication of our teachers. It is thanks to them that our students have had such an enriching and enjoyable year. If you would like to express your gratitude you can make a contribution to the RELIGIOUS SCHOOL EDUCATION FUND in a teacher(s) honor. Your donation would benefit the children of B'nai Tikvah as the fund provides extra curricular activities and enrichment programs. You can find a form in this issue of Hakol.

Please check off the names(s) of the teacher(s) you wish to honor and mail it back with your check to;

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL continued

Religious School Reminders:

Tues., May 2 & Wed., May 3

SECOND GRADE PARENTS, 5:45pm-6:00pm.

Next year your children will begin a new phase of our Religious School. Please join us for an orientation to our ALEF curriculum, class schedule, junior congregation requirements and discussion about your role as parents.

Sunday, May 7:

Yom HaAtzma'ut special GADNA program with Israeli officer, Amit Shuker CHAI SCHOOL ORIENTATION, 11:45am — 12:05pm Hei student and parents are invited to find out about our curriculum Na'aseh V'nishma/Learn and Do. The Rabbi, Education Director and our High School teachers and a panel of students will describe the program and share their thoughts and expressions.

Friday, May 12:

BET CLASS SHABBAT DINNER, 6:30pm, followed by SERVICE, 8:00pm

Sunday, May 14:

GIMEL CLASS MODEL WEDDING CEREMONY, 11:30 am

Friday, May 19:

ALEF CLASS CONSECRATIONSERVICE, 7-8:30 pm

Saturday, May 20:

DALET CLASS Jr. Congregation SHABBAT SERVICE, 10:30am-12:00pm

Wed., May 24:

LAST DAY OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Thurs., May 25:

HEI CLASS SIYUM and CHAI SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONY, 7:30pm.

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

PHYLLIS DENENBERG, DIRECTOR

The first week of this month, we will be celebrating Israel's 58th Birthday on Yom H'Atzmaut. The yiladeem will make flags and we will have our very own parade!

All the children will be working very hard on their special surprises for Mother's Day. The 2-year olds will have a Mother's Day Tea on Thursday, May 11th. The 3's and pre-K will have their Mother's Day Tea on Friday May 12th.

We will commemorate Lag Ba'Omer with outdoor picnics (weather permitting) on Tuesday, May 16th for the 2's and on Wednesday May 17th for the 3's and pre-K.

Parent Teacher conferences are slated for the week of May 22nd.

Registration is still going on for our summer camp and for school in the fall.

Until next Month....

Phyllis Denenberg

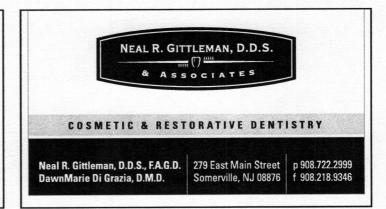


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Something everyone has been looking forward to is the annual trip to Six Flags Great Adventure. And guess what? It is just around the corner on June 11th !!!

Make sure to fill out an application for Kadima for next year early to receive an early bird discount!

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A primary goal of Women's League for Conservative Judaism is to perpetuate Jewish Traditions and Observances. We know that women are often seen as the "keepers of the flames of mitzvot, family, study, Israel, Torah, and community. The W in the Women's League Logo suggests the ancient menorah, and the phrase Mah yafah y'rushataynu (How beautiful is our heritage) reflects our ongoing commitment to our vital and dynamic traditions."

Our own B'nai Tikvah Sisterhood supports this goal and our many traditions through a variety of ways including the annual Mishloach Manot program. This service to the congregation and major fundraiser was again very successful because of your support. Forty-two people/families signed on as "Golden Groggers" and 348 orders were placed including adult baskets, baskets for children, and individual cards for those who live out of the area.

Sisterhood events truly depend on the help of our friends and many people came together to help, giving of their time, contacts, and passion for sisterhood. We are truly thankful to the following women who helped in some way to make this event successful.

Lynn Biderman Serena Blackin Linda LaVine Brown Stacey Cadoff Felice Ciccone Bonnie Eisenberg

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who sent home baskets with students Deb Spigner

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Again, thank you to everyone from Co-chairs: Joyce Gerbman, Fern Katronetsky, Ruth Anne Koenick, Phyllis Safeer

Support Women Aware

Sisterhood has an ongoing commitment to serve the community. Please help us help women and children in need by donating cookies and candies (kisses, hugs and kissables) for Women Aware for our May meeting. We hope to sweeten their Mother's Day by providing them with a treat for themselves and their children.

NEXT MEETING, WEDNESDAY MAY 17th



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MEN'S CLUB

Yom HaShoah Candles

All member families received a vellow candle to remember Yom HaShoah on April 24-25. 2006.

This was the 13th consecutive year that our Men's Club has coordinated this project. In order to keep this project ongoing, please do not forget to make your annual contribution for this project to our Men's Club.

The suggested minimum donation is \$18 per family.

Please mail or drop-off your contribution to Men's Club at the synagogue office.

Thank you for your participation.

Ed Birch and Steve Katz Co-Presidents Men's Club

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In the blue menu bar at the left side of the page, about halfway down is a Board Minutes link. Clicking on that will bring you to the yahoo groups log-on page. Use your yahoo id to log-in and you'll be taken right to the archived minutes of Board Meetings. It sounds more complicated than it really is.

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Handmade for the Homeless

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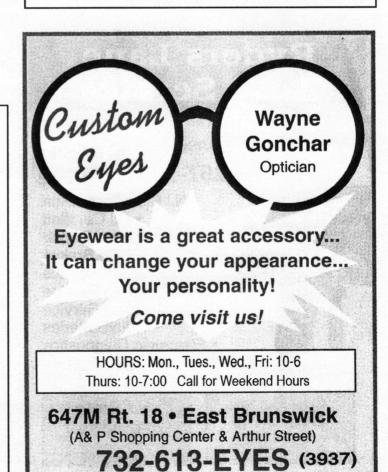
I would like to invite you to participate in my Bat Mitzvah project, which I am calling "Handmade for the Homeless." I will be knitting scarves for homeless shelters for the 2006/2007 winter season.

The homeless shelters could use other items, as well. If you are interested in knitting, crocheting, sewing, etc. sweaters, hats, gloves, blankets or other items that would useful for the winter, please contact me, Alissa Platz, at;

Alissa.Platz@bnaitikvah.org or at 732-821-6828.

They can use items for men, women, and children.

Alissa Platz



SOCIAL ACTION - MITZVAH Mensches

This is a new column featuring a congregant under the age of 18 who performs Gemilut Chasidim - acts of kindness, on an ongoing basis, which are not part of a Bar/Bat Mitzvah project or community service requirement. Tell us about that do gooder you know by writing to Social.action@bnaitikvah.org.

Jesse Nagelberg, age 11, attends Solomon Schechter Day School of Essex and Union, where he is a student council representative. At B'nai Tikvah, Jesse is a Kadima representative and leads Tiny Tot Shabbat which provides a fun way for very young children to experience a Shabbat service. Jesse participates in 5k races to raise money for the American Diabetes Association, and also packs food and toiletries for Feed The Children.

- **Q.** What made you want to lead a service for young kids?
- **A.** My motivation was my mother, my love of kids and my love of Judiasm.
- **Q.** Who helped you create the service, and how did you incorporate your own ideas with those of the others who guided you?
- **A.** Rabbi Eligberg and my mom helped me start the service. At first I was a little skeptical about using some of the Rabbi's ideas, but when I started to use them I found out that they were very helpful.
- **Q.** Briefly describe your service by breaking it down into sections.
- A. First we sing the welcome song and then we do the Ma'tovu and the Shema. We then do the Torah service and we march around the ark that I have made for my service. We usually do a play about the week's parsha accompanied by a song or a dance. Lastly, we eat challah and drink applejuice, sing David Melech Yisrael and then we pick one holiday from the entire year and we reenact it.
- **Q.** Briefly describe something special you added to your service around a holiday.
- **A.** As we got around to Chanukah time last year, Yoni and Sarah Eligberg started spinning around like dreidles. So every time we choose to reenact Chanukah we spin around like dreidles and sing Sevivon Sov Sov.
- **Q.** How did you become interested in the American Diabetes Association?

- **A.** I became interested when my family joined another family who has a kid with diabetes. We went to Qeubec that summmer and the adults ran 13.1 miles and the kids ran 2.4 miles. We raised a lot of money for the ADA.
- **Q.** How long have you been running the races and how often do you run them?
- **A.** The race in Quebec was in the summer of 2003 and we run races about every six months.

Note: Jesse would love to see more young kids and their parents at his Tiny Tof Shabbat service. It takes place on most Shabbat mornings at 10:30 in the Pre-K room (largest nursery school classroom where baby sitting also takes place).

To find out if Jesse's service will be running on a particular Shabbat, e-mail:

Jesse.Nagelberg@Bnaitikvah.org

Feed The Children is located right here in North Brunswick and is listed in 411.

Upcoming Social Action meetings: Wed, May 10th and Wed June 14th at 7:45 following Minyan.



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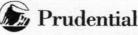
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50 plus

Next Meeting; May 23rd, 1 PM

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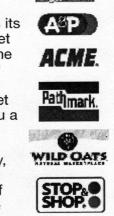
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Supermarket Scrip Committee

SUPER SPRING STOCKUP SALE!

Say THAT three times and, no, you won't get a prize, but probably will spray your houseplants very nicely! Seriously, your friendly supermarket scrip committee proudly announces its first annual super spring supermarket scrip stock up sale. What better time to have a spring sale, but in spring? The committee is offering each and every person, who buys supermarket scrip, no discounts; but will give you a big smile with each order! What do you want; this IS a non-profit organization, after all...Mother's Day, bridal showers, Memorial Day, and college graduations are but some of the big events that occur during the merry month of May. Whether you



host parties for these events or need gifts for them, think scrip. Purchase scrip for A&P, Acme, Pathmark, Shop Rite, Stop & Shop and/or Wild Oats before you shop.

How could scrip be used as gifts? Here are but some mere suggestions. After reading these, I bet you could get creative with some ideas yourselves. All items should be available within the stores.

- 1. Mother's Day: fill a basket for Mom/Grandma/other lucky lady with some of her favorite skin care items, bath items, cosmetics, paperback book, candy and/or flowers. Attach Mother's Day cards which are available in the stores' card aisle.
- 2. Bridal showers: get a plastic waste basket (bathroom size) and fill it with all sorts of cleaning items needed for that room (i.e., window/mirror cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, sponges, toilet bowl brush, etc.). Get some pretty clear plastic wrap, top with a bow and card. All available in the stores, too.
- 3. Memorial Day: in a willow (or similar) basket put in some pretty napkins, plastic cutlery, summery plates and cups, small book on barbecues.
- 4. College graduations: pen, box of Thank you cards (for all of their gifts), postage stamps and their favorite magazine (good reading for when they commute to their new jobs by public transportation!). Put them all in a nice gift bag with a gift card that you will find at the supermarket.
- Finally, when in doubt gift them with scrip! Enjoy the month of May and the warmer weather that preludes summertime!

THE BIG DANCE!

It Was A Great Time at the Father/Daughter Dance
On March 26th





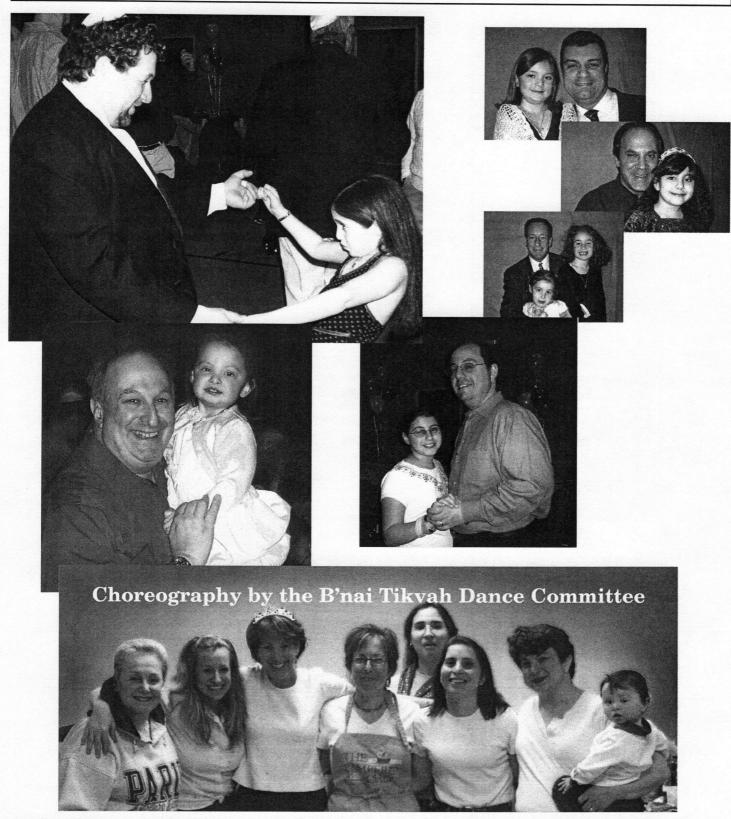
27 families of father and daughters enjoyed an evening of dancing, food and fun.





Pictures of the event are available to all members to see. They are posted on the website under Photos.

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We want to give a big thanks to the committee who helped arrange the event; Marla Cukor, Batya Mendes, Serena Blackin and the kitchen help, Sherry Valan, Jodi Eligberg and Stacey Rockman. And a big thank you to Jodi Eisenberg for being our DJ!

Thank you, Cindy Gittelman, VP Activities

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RS GADNA Program Sisterhood Fundraiser	Sisterhoo	od Board	50+ Board Meeting New Beginnings		Onen M				Birthday Shabbat New Member Shabbat Bet Class Dinner/Service		B'nai Mitzvah - Ben & Gil Goldman Tot Shabbat					
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	RAC M	leeting	50+ Gen	eral Meeting	Last Day of Religious School				YOM YERUSHALAYIM		Bowling League - 9pm					
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New Members Meeting	Schools & O				Execu	tive Committee			12th 19th 26th	7:46 7:52 7:59	18 19 20	5 7 8 9 10 3 14 15 16 17 0 21 22 23 24 7 28 29 30				

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