

### THINGS TO DO:

#### Tu B'Shevat Program

Friday, February 2

#### Lunch and Sing

Saturday, February 3

#### Learner's Minyan

Saturday, February 3

#### Men's Club Meeting

Sunday, February 4, 2007

#### Israeli Dancing

Saturday, February 10

#### The Society of Israel Philatelists

February 13 & 26

#### Adult Education Program

Wednesday, February 14, 8:00 pm

#### Family Shabbat

Friday, February 16

#### Hamantashen Workshop

Sunday, February 25

#### 50 Plus

Tuesday, February 27

#### Lifeline Screening

Tuesday, February 27

#### Adult Education Program

Wednesday, February 28, 8:00 pm

See Inside for Details On These and Many More Events

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## HONORING THE SHERMAN'S with A NIGHT OF FUN, COMEDY AND MUSIC



Featuring Comedian  
Headliner Lenny Marcus

Saturday  
March 17, 2007  
8:00 PM

\$68 per person, \$136 per couple

On March 17th, 2007, Brenda and Mark Sherman will be honored by Congregation B'nai Tikvah in recognition of the many years of hard work and substantial resources that they have devoted to us. In keeping with their spirit, we will be having a fun evening, including comedy, music and fine food and drink. And we hope that you will be joining us as we honor this unique couple. Invitations were sent out in January, so please make plans to come to the big event.

Brenda and Mark are givers by nature: both of their time and of their money. And one of the places that they devote a substantial amount of these efforts is our synagogue. We are so thankful and appreciative of the leadership that both Brenda and Mark have shown over the years that we are pleased to dedicate an entire evening in their honor. Also, please consider placing an ad in the journal that we are publishing. We look forward to your participation.

See the AD on Page 14

### Meet the Board

Maybe not as entertaining as meeting the Flockers, this monthly column will introduce you to the members of the B'nai Tikvah Board. Each month, I will select 1-2 individuals who serve our community in a broad range of areas. Since it was his idea to do this, Mark Jiorle is the first person featured.

The B'nai Tikvah Board is comprised of 24 congregation members, three of whom are voting representatives from

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### When to Stand.

### What to Say.

### Which Page are We On?

Announcing: A Learner's Minyan  
starting on  
Saturday, February 3rd  
9:30-10:15 AM

- No Background Needed
- All Questions Welcomed
- Led by Dr. Howard Waksman
- Materials & CD Provided
- February Dates are 2/3 & 2/24

## THE RABBI SPEAKS Rabbi Michael Goldstein

### Sharing Our Strength

I want to remind everyone that the first weekend this month is packed with very worthwhile happenings at our congregation. On Friday night is our *Healthy & Holy Dinner and Tu B'shevat* program. Shabbat morning brings *Shabbat Shirah*, with a nice luncheon and beautiful Jewish song communally. On Sunday morning, we participate in the *World Wide Wrap*, a perfect opportunity to put on tefillin together with our Hey students. I hope to see you throughout the weekend.

February is a good time for us to take stock. How are we doing with our Rosh Hashanah resolutions? Do the plans we are making for our kids this coming summer include a Jewish component? As we prepare income tax forms, are we satisfied with the amount and recipients of our tzedakah giving last year? The questions I pose may not be easy for us to answer. They require reflection and perhaps a will to adjust or change.

To the above list, I add one more. How can we strengthen our personal connection simultaneously with Israel and with Conservative Judaism? Actually, this answer is fairly straight forward and the first steps are very easy to do. We become members of MERCAZ USA: Zionist Organization of Conservative Judaism and educated supporters of the Masorti Movement. With all the demands on our allegiances and our wallets, why do I highlight these two?

MERCAZ is the Zionist voice of Conservative Jews. Every movement, philosophy and organization in world Jewry that wants to be a part of decision-making in Israel, has an official Zionist arm. Together, they make up the World Jewish Congress / Jewish Agency. Many of these organizations do important work. Only MERCAZ has the dual purpose of promoting religious pluralism in Israel and protecting the interests of Conservative/Masorti Judaism in Israel and throughout the world. Membership is voluntary. In order to strengthen the voice of Conservative Judaism, we each must become annually renewing members of MERCAZ. Is it important? Your membership helps sustain \$1.7 million in direct & over \$1 million in indirect grants to Conservative-Masorti projects in Israel and throughout the world. Yet, only 5% of Conservative Jews are members of MERCAZ. The time has come to change that.

On the ground, on a daily basis, Masorti is raising the flag of Conservative Judaism in Israel. In their

congregations, schools, youth group, summer camps and out-reach to new immigrants, the Masorti Movement is living the tenets of religious pluralism, ritual equality of men and women, and moderation & sensitivity to the value of all Jews. They are our closest partners in Israel. For example, they are the only group providing special needs children with the opportunity to celebrate bar mitzvah. Unlike the "official" Orthodox institutions and synagogues, Masorti congregations and programs receive no government funding. They need our support to help them sustain and grow their good work and congregations. I am glad to discuss any of the above in greater detail.

Please visit [www.mercazusa.org](http://www.mercazusa.org) and [www.uscj.org/masorti](http://www.uscj.org/masorti) to show your commitment and support. You will be making a wise investment in the future of Jewish life.

*Lehitraot,*

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## GETTING TO KNOW: DEBORAH SPIGNER, by Ann Gold



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The warm smile, hearty laugh and the ready “helping hands” belong to Deborah Spigner. She balances a full life as wife, mother, commuter to a Manhattan job and activist in many Tikkun Olam projects in synagogue and elsewhere.

**Q.** Who was the greatest influence on your life?

**A.** My mother Carolyn Kane. At 42, she was left with five children when my father (also 42) passed away. She was courageous, worked hard, would look for the gold under a turnip, and always was there with a kiss and a hug. Everyday, I think of what her advice would be.

**Q.** What do you and your family do together?

**A.** We cook dinner together, watch movies and go to plays and concerts. As a foursome, we Spigners do the annual walk for Multiple Sclerosis.

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## ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

- Every Tuesday**  
7:00 -8:00 PM Cooking W/Stacey Class  
8:00 -10:00 PM Open Court Men’s Basketbal
- Every Thursday**  
7:00 - 8:00 PM Adult Yoga Class
- Every Saturday**  
10:30 AM Junior Congregation Service
- Thursday, Feb. 1st**  
7:30 - 9:00 PM USY Meeting
- Friday, Feb. 2nd**  
6:00 - 8:00 PM Tu B’Shevat Seder
- Saturday, Feb. 3rd**  
12:00 -3:00 PM Shabbat Shirah Lunch & Sing  
9:30 -10:15 AM Learner’s Minyan
- Sunday, Feb. 4th**  
10:00 AM -12:00 Men’s Club Meeting  
World Wide Wrap w/ Religious School
- Friday, Feb. 9th**  
Birthday Shabbat
- Saturday, Feb. 10th**  
7:30 PM -2:00AM Isreali Dance Program  
(Free to Members)
- Tuesday, Feb. 13th**  
7:30 - 10:00 PM Israel Stamps Club - All Welcome
- Wednesday, Feb. 14th**  
7:30 - 10:00 PM Adult Education Program  
(held at an off-premise location) -  
“An Intermarriage Gone Right” -  
The Story of Esther.  
Presented by Dr. Kerry Olitzky of the  
Jewish Outreach Institute. Part 1
- Thursday, Feb. 15th**  
7:30 - 9:00 PM USY Meeting
- Friday, Feb. 16th**  
6:00 - 8:00 PM Family Shabbat Dinner & Services
- Saturday, Feb. 24th**  
9:30 -10:15 AM Learner’s Minyan
- Sunday, Feb. 25th**  
10:00 AM -Noon Sisterhood Hamantashen Workshop
- Monday, Feb.26th**  
7:30 - 10:00 PM srael Stamps Club - All Welcome
- Tuesday, Feb. 27th**  
9:00AM -5:30PM Lifeline Screening
- Wednesday, Feb. 28th**  
7:30 - 10:00 PM Adult Education Program  
at B’nai Tikvah: Part II  
“An Intermarriage Gone Right” -  
The Story of Esther.  
Presented by Dr. Kerry Olitzky of the  
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## OUR HAZZAN'S VOICE Cantor Bruce Rockman

### Sing! Sing! Sing!

This year Shabbat Shirah will take place on February 3rd, it is the Shabbat that we read about the escape from Egypt and the crossing of the Red Sea by our Israelite ancestors. We sing *Shirat HaYam, The Song of the Sea*, which was sung by Moses and the children of Israel upon crossing the sea, recalling our flight to freedom.

Each year at B'nai Tikvah we celebrate "Shabbat Shirah" in a special way. We've had concerts by The Sons of Tikvah (& blizzards), we reenacted the crossing of the Red Sea by dancing through the aisles of the synagogue, and most recently we have sung together during our special "Lunch & Sing" program, which will take place again this year, following our Shabbat morning service.

Do you enjoy singing? Tradition teaches us that when we sing a prayer to God it counts double than having just read the words.

**Singing is joy,  
singing is passion, and  
singing is spiritually uplifting.**

For me singing is a synonym for joy, it adds passion and meaning to the words I pray. The computer is a wonderful tool, you click on a word and a list of synonyms can be found. For the word "sing", you get croon, chant, hum, resonate and a few more. Language is funny, joy and passion are not there, but they should be, well at least in my mind they could be.

Singing is joy, singing is passion, and singing is spiritually uplifting. So when we are emotional, singing is something that we can do to express the depths of our feelings, our sorrow and our joy.

We recite *Shirat HaYam* every day in our morning prayers, and read it in the synagogue twice a year: on the seventh day of Passover (the anniversary of the splitting of the sea and the song's composition), and on this mid-winter Shabbat in the course of the annual Torah-reading cycle—a Shabbat which is therefore distinguished with the name *Shabbat Shirah*, "Shabbat of Song."

The Song at the Sea praises God's miraculous redemption of Israel and expresses Israel's desire that God lead them to their homeland. It is a song of liberation.

During the Passover Seder, we tell our story, of God taking us out of Egypt; the story is about our redemption and liberation from bondage.

On Shabbat Shirah, we are once again the chorus who sang with Moses. The question begs to be answered, are we truly free? Are we ready to take on the challenges that freedom provides? Have we learned from our people's history? Shabbat Shirah celebrates our physical freedom and the liberation of our souls. We sing this song, *Shirat HhaYam*, everyday and especially on this Shabbat to thank God for our good fortune and for our God of redemption.

Please join us following services on February 3rd, for a warm and wonderful Shabbat afternoon of joyful, lively singing, a delicious Shabbos lunch, and friendship.

*Miriam the prophetess ... took the tambourine in her hand; and all the women followed her with tambourines and dances.*

*And Miriam called to them: "Sing to God!"*

Cantor Bruce Rockman



### SCHEDULE OF DAILY SERVICES

Sunday	9:00 AM Shahareet	7:30 PM	Mincha/Maariv
Monday		7:30 PM	Mincha/Maariv
Tuesday		7:30 PM	Mincha/Maariv
Wednesday		7:30 PM	Mincha/Maariv
Thursday	7:00 AM Shahareet	7:30 PM	Mincha/Maariv
Friday		8:00 PM	Kabbalat Shabbat
Saturday	9:30 AM Shabbat	Mincha/Maariv	
		2/3 After Lunch & Sing	
		2/10 5:15 PM	
		2/17 & 24 5:30 PM	

Babysitting available Shabbat morning 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

# HAKOL

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Dan Greenberg

A few weeks ago, early on a Sunday morning, I schlepped our middle child Kira up to West Orange along with 5 of her friends. They weren't going to have fun or for a sports practice or game; they were all going to write the Independent School Entrance Exam, which is used by Schechter High School for admission and placement. Yup, my second is going off to high school next year. Oy.

I didn't stay up in West Orange – another parent had the return driving duties. I dropped these 6 eager kids off, turned around, and drove the 45 minutes back in absolute silence. And I realized how much I missed the nonstop chatter that accompanied the ride all the way up.

And I realized how quickly all three of our kids are growing up.

Of course, as parents all we can do is provide our kids with as good an education as possible as they grow up, and then hope we did a good job. And fortunately, the CBT community helps to provide the good grounding that we hope all of kids receive.

I look at the various activities and programs we have for children of all ages (most of which my kids participated in at one time or another), and I can't help but think that they have helped in making kids who they are. I know that my own kids have benefited greatly from these activities.

To start with of course, we have the bimah steps and ramp. Countless numbers of little toddlers have spent Shabbat and holiday services climbing up and climbing down that "mountain," and I think that's great. All right, maybe talking about the bimah steps is a little farfetched, but I grew up in a synagogue where the rabbi would literally stop the service at the slightest peep from a youngster, and I would never want our kids to be subjected to that.

We have a monthly family service for kids aged 2 through 7 (our last one had over 85 attendees!) and have just started a monthly "tween" service for kids 8 through 11. The CBT nursery school nurtures our youngest kids in a safe, caring environment, teaching them building blocks that they will continue to use throughout their school years. And our religious school teaches and cares for all of our children, from youngsters to high-schoolers, helping to educate them about our heritage, our history and our faith.

At our weekly Junior Congregation services, the room is full of voices singing Shabbat prayers, some on-key and some not. Just like the larger sanctuary!

And of course, Kadimah and USY activities are always happening, including dances, conventions, parties, get-togethers and more. As the father of a USY'er and a Kadimanik, I'll give you fair warning: organize car-pools!!

So as I think about Josh going in to junior year, Kira starting high school next year, and Rachel growing up just as fast, I can't help but be thankful for all the activities that they went to at B'nai Tikvah. And I encourage you to get your kids involved – no matter what the age or what the level of involvement. You won't be sorry.

*B'Shalom,*

*Danny Greenberg*

## THE OFFICE VOICE Nitsat Hadas Elami – Administrative Director

### The POWER of Volunteers!

Last month I wrote about people outside our community who help us with different things and how we can help them. This month, I would like to tell you about people in our community who help us and how they make events possible that we couldn't have had without them!

For those of you who participated in the Hanukah Bowling Party – and many of you did – I don't need to tell you what a success it was. Those who weren't there hopefully heard about it from others or maybe read about it in the local press. But even those who were there don't realize the community effort that went into the party. Without this effort, we couldn't have possibly had the party.

It started with 4 families who donated money toward the party. I don't know if you all know this but the party was heavily subsidized by the synagogue. The \$5.00 admission fee basically covered the food and the paper goods but not more than that. The rest of the money came in part from individual members: The Bergman family, Aaron Rosloff (who didn't only donate the donuts, but also went to buy them), Marcia and Jeff Schwartz and Brenda and Mark Sherman. Within the synagogue, Membership, Activities and the Ritual Committee donated a share of their budgets towards the party. The Religious School didn't only donate all the money that was needed for the gift bags (from their fundraising money) but, their Toranim physically prepared the bags with all the goodies inside.

During the planning stage with the bowling alley, I discovered Patty Brams, a long time congregant who works for Brunswick Zone. Patty helped us with all the needed onsite coordination with the bowling alley for the event.

Now we get to people who helped with the preparations. The wonderful flier for the party was designed by Dave Spivak. It was a very eye-catching flier which I am sure helped to attract people from outside our community to our party. The flier was distributed all over town by Cindy Gittleman, Danny Greenberg, Mark Jiorle, Beth Schurman and Ruth Shindler with her son Jason (Jason was actually the one who patiently cut all the little stubs on the fliers, so people could easily pick one up).

Bobbi Binder, with the help of volunteers, picked up the activities for the children, the paper goods and some food items. The volunteers who helped her were Debbie Allen and Lori Kaye (who kept having

to go out and buy the paper goods again and again because the numbers kept climbing constantly through the day of the party itself).

On the day of the party, we had a whole army of volunteers helping at the bowling alley. Some of whom you might have noticed: Gary Bergman, Lynn Biderman, Bobbi Binder, Cindy Gittleman, Danny Greenberg, Ann Kanarek, Lori and Melissa Kaye, Lisa Mason, Jeri Roller, Jay Scheuer, Lisa Seidman, Ruth Shindler, Colleen Snow and Debbie Stein-Lamoreaux, a new congregant who works at the Brunswick Zone Bowling Alley and helped us through the entire evening.

These are the people who made it happen. Without them it would have been an impossible task to carry. I am hoping I didn't forget anybody. So many people helped, that I need to apologize in advance to those I might have forgotten.

I would like to give a special thank you to Lisa Mason who helped me carry the whole crazy plan forward at the time that nobody else believed in it!

And now to the future: We have plans for big things to happen on Purim. This year the evening of Purim will be March 3<sup>rd</sup> – a Saturday night. We are trying to plan for a party that evening just after the Megillah Reading. We are also working on making the Purim Carnival a bigger event than usual. We want it to be a community event, such as the Hanukah Party, at which we had close to 300 people, 25% of whom were not members.

In order to carry on these plans we will need volunteers again: For the planning, preparations, monetary help and the event itself. If you can help with any of these aspects, please contact the office or the Youth Commission (mainly for the Purim Carnival).

I am hoping that the Purim events will be bigger and better than anything we had in the past!



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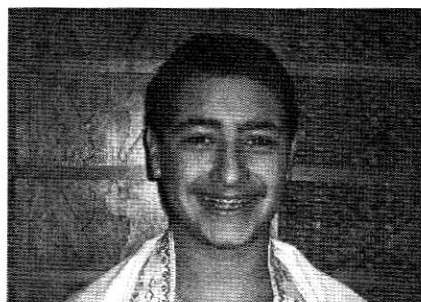
Sandy Sharon  
on the loss of her mother, Helen Brook

Matt Schurman  
on the loss of his father, Alan Schurman

**Welcome Jay Scheuer**

We warmly welcome Jay Scheuer back to B'nai Tikvah. Jay left us for a few years but returned to our family this year. Jay is single and is a retired secondary social studies teacher. Jay has always found B'nai Tikvah to be a welcoming place and is especially grateful to Estelle Bach for introducing him to Rachel Shaneson. Jay enjoys traveling and recently returned from his 6<sup>th</sup> trip to Israel. He noted that instead of just being thanked for traveling to Israeli, this time he was thanked for bring the much needed rain with him. He also got to throw a very wet snow ball when visiting Jerusalem. Jay has also traveled throughout Europe. You can often find Jay at services as he is a regular at Friday evening, Shabbat morning and Sunday and Thursday morning minyan as well. In his free time he is a volunteer at the Franklin Township Library and plans on becoming a more active volunteer at B'nai Tikvah. We are all glad he as come home to B'nai Tikvah.

# B'NAI MITZVAH



**Adam Dickert**  
February 10  
Steve & Leslie Dickert



**Jonathan Jacobs**  
February 17  
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Separate from the CBT Newsletter, we have over a hundred member families who belong to B'nai Tikvah's Yahoo "eGroup". The eGroup provides a convenient and easy way to ask your fellow congregants for help and advice on any topic you are comfortable discussing in public. It's also a great way to let those know that you're there to help too.

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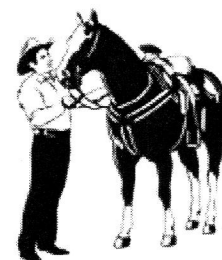
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### PICK-UP YOUR HEELS AND JOIN US FOR: ISRAELI DANCING

B'nai Tikvah members are invited **FREE**, to an Israeli Dance program on Saturday evening, February 10th. Don Schillinger of Rak-Dan Entertainment is offering to *members only, free* Israeli Dance Lessons from 7:30 – 8:15 PM.

After the lessons, members are invited to dance away the night during the Open Dance Marathon from 8:30 PM – 2:00 AM (this is Free too!). Bring your friends to the Open Dance portion.

Non-member fees for the Marathon segment are: Adults/\$12 per person, and Students/Children/\$8 per person.

#### NO PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Much thanks goes to Nurit & Mike Brown for bringing this program to B'nai Tikvah.

If there are any questions,  
please call the office at 732-297-0696.

### Family Shabbat Dinner

Friday, February 16, 2007

Promptly at 6pm in the Kiddush Room

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### SPORTS SHABBAT THEME DINNER ON TAP FOR MARCH!

The next Shabbat theme dinner is scheduled for Friday, March 9th at 6:30 PM. The theme is sports! Wear your favorite team's sports attire and bring the whole family! Classical Caterers will provide a family friendly menu and the Men's Club will lead a sports trivia game.

Register for dinner by February 28th. The flyer is in this issue of Hakol or contact the office: 732-297-0696. All are invited to stay for the Kabbalat Shabbat service after the dinner, beginning at 8PM. If you are celebrating a birthday in March, you will receive a special blessing during the service.

### "Yasher Koach" to Gale Dillman.

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### A NOTE OF THANKS FROM THE SCHURMAN FAMILY

New Year's Day of 2007 will hold sad memories for us. Just passing his 64th birthday the night before, my father-in-law, Dr. Alan Schurman passed away. We were shocked and saddened by his death, thankful that he didn't suffer long. I mourn for the memories we will not be able to make, for the laughs he will not be able to share with his grandchildren whom he loved so much.

I was really not sure what to do for Shiva or even if we could pull off a minyan for each night. I did not have to worry, friends made sure that our house was prepared and that we had food (more than we could ever need) for us and all those that would visit. B'nai Tikvah embodied community for me this week as so many came out to ensure a minyan.

Community is one of the things that I struggle with here in central Jersey where we are all so far flung and so busy. We might struggle to get "a good turnout" for ritual or fun events at B'nai Tikvah, but we are a community that helps each other. As a board member I've been asked to attend Shiva for others whenever I could. I have young children and it is often difficult, besides, I had thought previously, why go to someone's house I did not know. Having just been through it, I can say that it is truly a Mitzvah. It really brought a warm feeling to our house this week with so many people saying those familiar prayers.

I'd like to say Todah Rabah to those of you who helped our family during this difficult week and made us feel so much love. And to those of you who, like me, were not regular minyan goers or have not thought to make Shiva calls before, please consider it in the future. It is wonderful, even when you don't know the family.

*Beth Schurman*



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## Another Viewpoint

### THE TIME TO GO IS NOW

by Aaron Rosloff

It's interesting that some people who go into New York to work or to see a show, tell me that they are afraid to go to Israel. Not safe, they say. It reminds me of the time that Milli and I stopped in a souvenir shop in Tel Aviv. While the proprietor was wrapping our purchases, his elderly mother came out from the rear of the store and we got into conversation.

She was a typical Brooklyn Bubbah, the kind you see walking half bent over with a babushka on her head tied with a bow under her chin. We talked in Yiddish as she had no English and my Hebrew is too rudimentary for a conversation. I asked her if she wasn't nervous about seeing all the young soldiers in the streets with guns hanging from their shoulders. "Foolish boy" she said, "I can come home one o'clock in the morning and no one will bother me, but my daughter in the Bronx, she can't come home at one o'clock".

Of course she was right. Our perception of what goes on in other places is colored by what we read in the newspaper or other media. We see violence on TV and assume that this is what life is like in that locale. My Israeli friends and family ask us how we can live amid so much violence in the U.S. and why we don't come live in Israel where life is so much safer and tranquil. Even the meanest streets of Tel Aviv are safer than most cities in the U.S. The Acts of crazies are unpredictable anywhere, be it the World Trade Center or Oklahoma City or Jerusalem. Who can prepare for a postal worker who shoots his coworkers, or an unhinged man who kills a dozen children in a Scottish schoolroom?

The odds of anyone of us being at the scene of a bombing, or shooting anywhere in the world, are so infinitesimal as to be uncountable. As we prepare to leave for Israel this spring, to be with our family there for Passover, we received phone calls from well-meaning friends expressing concern and wishing us a safe trip. We are not heroically inclined, but the fact is that we are more concerned about the normal risks of travel, about which we worry very little, than about our safety in Israel.

Despite all the scare stories in the newspapers and on TV, we would urge anyone with an interest in Israel to put aside your fears and go.

Next year in Jerusalem.

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### MEET THE BOARD

Sisterhood, Men's Club and the Over 50 Club. Additionally, our Rabbi, Canter, Administrative Director and Programming Director, attend and participate in meetings. The board meets on the first Monday of the month, except when that is a holiday. In order to prepare the agenda for the board meeting, the president, five vice presidents, immediate past president and several staff attend an EC (Executive Committee) the week before the board meeting.

### Mark Jiorle

Mark Jiorle was born in Washington DC and raised in the greater-DC area. He has been married to Joella, a 1st grade teacher at Hillsborough Elementary School since 1998 and they have two children, Sammy who will be six in May and Shayna who will be two in March. Sam attended the JCC nursery school as a 3 year old and pre-k as well as the camp last summer. Shayna went to the camp last summer and will be joining the nursery school as a two-year old in March.

In "real life" Mark is a real estate agent with Capital Property Realty based in Metuchen. At B'nai Tikvah, he is the Assistant Treasurer. Responsibilities include handling the books for the nursery school, making deposits that have been prepared by the bookkeeper, cutting checks and preparing reports for the Treasurer. He is also a liaison between the Director of the JCC and the Board of Directors/VP of School & Youth. Mark serves on several committees including the Rabbi Search committee and membership task force.

On most Thursday nights you can find him at the synagogue. As a member of the Ritual Activities Committee, he assists B'nai Mitzvot families with their picture sessions. Whether the family hires a professional photographer or brings a friend, he is there to take out and watch over the Torah to ensure that it is handled properly and treated with respect. Over the past two years, he has become a defacto photographer's assistant and often helps the families make sure they capture all the shots they are looking for (or may not have thought of!).

Mark and Joella, who also serves on the Sisterhood board, and their children are regular attendees at the monthly family Shabbat dinner and encourage everyone with kids from newborns to seven to attend!

If you'd like to contact Mark, you may reach him on his cell phone at 732-803-6299 or send him an e-mail to [mark@markjiorle.com](mailto:mark@markjiorle.com).

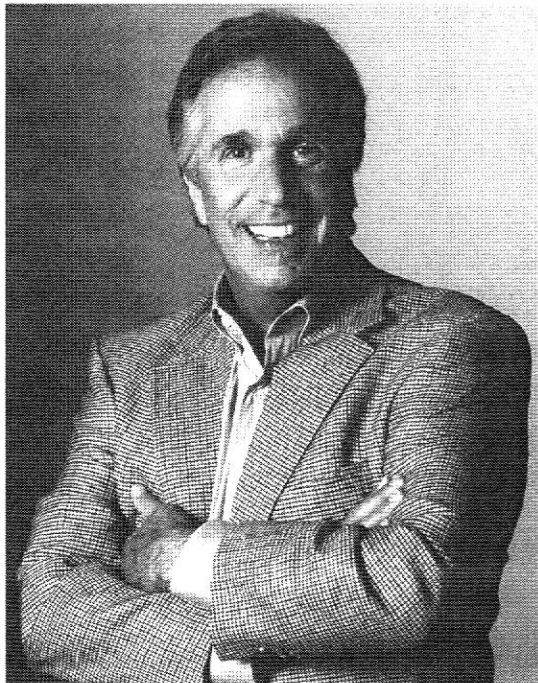
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## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS Ann Kanarek, Director

### EVALUATING OUR STUDENTS; EVALUATING OURSELVES

Every year toward the end of January or early February, our teachers write evaluations of students in Kindergarten through 7th grade of our Religious School. We do the same at the end of May. Regardless of what we may call these forms — student evaluations, report cards, progress reports—the purpose is to give parents information as to how their children have been doing during the semester just completed.

Evaluations reflect critical thinking skills, as well, as the learning of facts and information. Questions most often asked of students are questions that test memory rather than challenging their thinking. In order to evaluate our students' knowledge of a concept, a situation, or an event, we must go beyond knowing whether he or she acquired the basic concepts and skills, and judge whether the student understood the concepts presented. We need to listen, observe, analyze, and question to see how our students are doing, both individually and collectively.

We use many criteria to evaluate our students. Some of the questions we ask: Does the student come prepared to class? Does the student listen and follow directions? Does the student possess a positive attitude? and Does the student participate in class activities? If we know this of each student then we can better understand if the student is successfully absorbing the material of the curriculum. We advise parents of student performance by indicating areas of excellence or needs improvement and by providing comments written by each teacher.

No method is perfect, but we hope that the way in which we report your child's progress is one that gives each parent the information that you are looking for and can help support your child's learning. This year we are trying something new and distributing report cards at parent/teacher conferences for grades 3-7. Parent/teacher conferences will give you an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and prayer competency. Conference meeting times will be scheduled by filling out the Conference Forms that you will be receiving in the mail.

\*\*Parents of students in grades 3-7 will receive report cards during conferences.

Conferences are scheduled for **Tuesday, February 20 and Wednesday, February 28**

6:30pm - 8:00pm for everyone's convenience.

\*\*Children in grades K-2 will receive report cards on **Sunday, February 25\*\***

We strive for excellence and we want your child to succeed and enjoy the success!!

We are looking forward to seeing you soon.

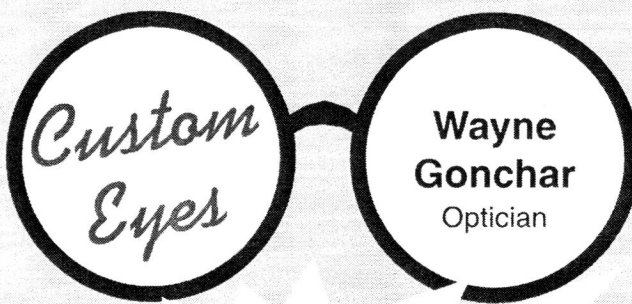
### BARTONS PASSOVER CANDY SALE

It's not too early to start thinking Passover. Check out the form enclosed in this issue of Hakol and/or your children's book bag for a **Barton Passover Candy Sale form**. Our candy sale will begin January 21. If you have any questions regarding the candy, please call us at the School Office, 732-297-0295. All student entrepreneurs will be rewarded with an incentive prize. Our top prizes are very exciting. So, join the fun; sell to family and friends but **PLEASE** do not solicit door-to-door. Our children's safety is important to us.

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## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS

### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REMINDERS:

#### Sunday, February 4:

K-2 PACT (Parent and Child Together) program:  
*An Adventure in Jewish Ecology*, 10:40am-12:05pm  
Hei Class: *World Wide Wrap* program.

#### Sunday, February 11:

Gimel Class PACT program: *Tzedakah and the Giraffe Connection*, 10:00am-12:05pm

#### Sunday, February 18:

NO SCHOOL - *President's Weekend*

#### Monday, February 19:

NO SCHOOL - *President's Weekend*

#### Tuesday February 20 & Wednesday February 28:

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES  
6:30pm-8:00pm for grades 3-7. There will be regular class session for all students Kitah Alef - Kitah Hei. Conferences will be held in the evening for everyone's convenience. Please note that there will be no formal conferences scheduled for K-2 grades unless specifically requested.

#### Friday, March 2:

Gimel class Shabbat dinner  
(6:30pm) & Service (8:00pm)

#### Sunday, March 4:

Purim festivities, megillah reading (during school hours) followed by the Carnival.  
Please note that all Kindergarten/ First grade, and Early session Alef 1 and Bet 1 students will meet during the Late session (10:40pm-12:05pm) in order to enjoy the Purim holiday activities.

#### Sunday, March 11:

Dalet Class PACT program:  
*Bridges of Mitzvot County*, 10:00am

## NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

PHYLLIS DENENBERG, DIRECTOR

Registration for school 2007-2008 and Day Camp for this summer has started!

We anticipate a very nice turn out. An afternoon pre-k will be offered for the fall in addition to the morning session. We will continue our successful optional 3<sup>rd</sup> day (Monday) for the 2 year olds.

Our **spring** Mommy & Me program going on now still has openings. If you have or know anyone with a child 12-18 months or 18-24 months and is looking for socialization for their children and for themselves, please contact us about our wonderful Mommy & Me program led by Miss Amy (Smith).

There is also a Mommy & Me Yoga program starting at 3 months old.

**New** for the fall, there will be a new Hebrew conversational program for the 3's and 4's named Chalav U'Dvash. It is a two year program. Ten minutes of learning Hebrew each day is all that is needed! Children of this age learn very quickly, absorbing the material like sponges.

We are starting off this month with Tu B'Shevat, the birthday of the trees. "Blue Box Bob" (the tzedakah box from the Jewish National Fund) is coming to visit. He will be giving out Tzedakah boxes and telling us about the need for water and trees in Israel.

We are so excited! Hatchlings from Quiver Farms will be delivered to our school. The eggs will stay in the incubator and hatch within a week's time. Then they are picked up and taken back to the farm. All classes will learn about and observe this fascinating event. We will send you pictures next month.

There will be no school, Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> due to President's Day.

On Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, formal pictures will be taken of the 2's and Toddler Fun Club.

Until next month...

Phyllis G. Denenberg, Director

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# B'NAI TIKVAH YOUTH

## KADIMA

Hey Kadimaniks!!

**Back by popular demand:  
"NAME THAT MOVIE" & Dinner  
Thursday, February 8th, 6 until 7:30 PM**

We will be playing "Name that Video", a game where we will all try and show off our movie knowledge by guessing the right movie the fastest!! We just ask that everyone bring at least one video (VHS) fast forwarded to a hard to guess or tricky part...then let the guessing begin!!

The winner will receive a gift certificate for **Blockbuster!**

Free for members, \$5 for non-members.

RSVP by February 4<sup>th</sup>, to Rachel,  
[rsakofs@yahoo.com](mailto:rsakofs@yahoo.com) or 973-886-2813.

### Regional Dance

Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

Come spend an evening dancing with all your Kadima friends!!!

Check your mailboxes for more information about times and transportation.

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## U.S.Y.

Hey, N/S Brunswick USYers!

February is around the corner, so get ready for some awesome events!

On February 11th, we're traveling to the Continental Airlines Arena to see the New Jersey Devils face off against the Tampa Bay Lightning with other chapters from the area. Now even if you're not a Devils fan, this game will be a lot of fun! Its \$35 and a whole lot of fun with transportation included!

Also, February 15th will be an Israeli Movie Night at the temple in the youth lounge, where we will be serving Israeli food and other snacks.

And finally, Saturday night, February 24th, the N/S Brunswick chapter will be going Cosmic Bowling. More details will be available in the monthly flier.

March will also bring excitement to the chapter, as Thursday March 1st will be an Interfaith Dinner discussion at 7:30. (more details will follow in the monthly newsletter)

Though it seems far, Purim is right around the corner, and on Sunday March 4th, the Purim Carnival is taking place. This is an excellent opportunity for community service hours, so come on down and have some fun!

We look forward to seeing you soon!

*Jodi Eisenberg*  
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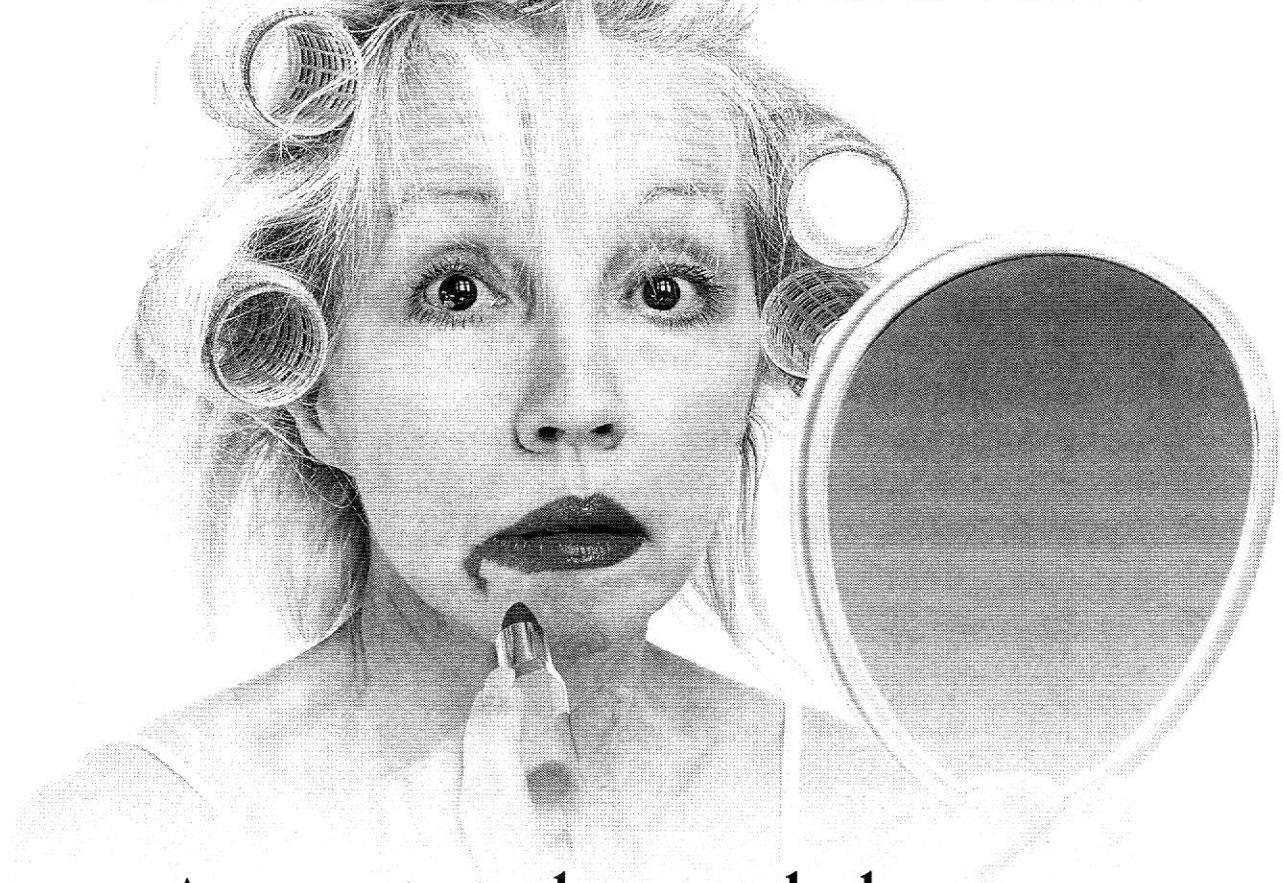
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# B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

## 50plus

**Meeting; February 27<sup>th</sup>, 1 PM**

The Fifty Plus Group will meet on Tuesday, February 27 at 1 p.m. at the Synagogue.

Our program will feature Ms Nicole Linden, Program Health Service Coordinator for Central New Jersey of Life Line screening radiology,LLC.

She will speak to us about health concerns of seniors,as well as explain the LifeLine program which will take place in our Synagogue. All are welcome to join us for this program and for the year. Light refreshments will be served.

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## MEN'S CLUB

### NEXT MEN'S CLUB MEETING

Date: Sunday, February 4, 2007

Time: 9 am sharp,please

In addition to February 4 being Super Bowl Sunday, our Men's Club will continue the other long time tradition. We will be participating in the Federation of Jewish Men's Club's WORLD WIDE WRAP.

Men's Club has provided the Religious School with FJMC kits for our students to build their own tfillen. This project will be coordinated by Ann Kanerak and her staff along with Rabbi Goldstein.

The event will conclude that morning with a bagel breakfast for the students from Men's Club.

Our January meeting was very interesting and well attended. Our speaker was Dr. Howard Waksman, a Pulmonary Physician and active temple member. Dr Waksman gave a multi-media presentation of Sleep Disorders and Cardiac Problems.

Our thanks to Gary Bergman for making some last minute adjustments to our temple equipment for the presentation and to Andrea and Steve Katz for shopping for the breakfast.

### Future programs:

Holocaust Presentation – Bernie Flashberg (studied concentration camps in Europe last summer) and is Linda Feinstein's brother

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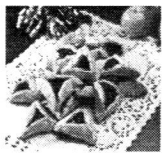


## SISTERHOOD

### Upcoming Events

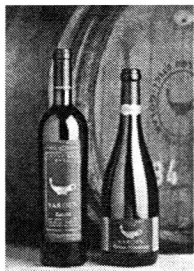
**February Social Action Item -**  
Paper Plates & cups (bring to February events).

**January 31- Mishloach Manot (Purim Basket)**  
Orders are due! See Ruth Ann Koenig.



**Sunday February, 25 at 10:00 am**  
**Hamantashen Workshop**

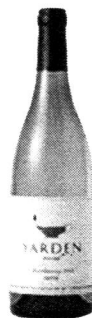
Ever wonder how they make Hamantashen into those nice triangles? Join Sisterhood for a demonstration of hands-on hamantashen baking 101, at our meeting, Bring your appetite & clean hands, we'll provide the recipe and ingredients.



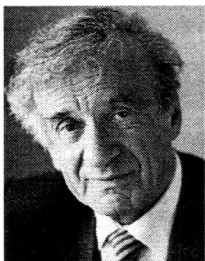
**Sunday March 4 12-2:30**  
**New! Wine Tasting & Wine Sale**

Full selection of kosher wines to taste (for free) and purchase. Adults only of course. Next to the Judaica Shop during the Purim Carnival. Order forms

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Questions: Joyce Gerbman (732-545-8457) or Deborah Spigner (732-545-8457).



**Sunday March 4 12-2:30**  
**Pickup Mishloach Manot (Purim Baskets)**  
During the Purim Carnival,  
next to the Judaica Shop.



**Sunday March 11 at 10:00 am**  
**Women's League Day of Study**

"To remain silent and indifferent is the greatest sin of all," Elie Wiesel. Share his experiences as we discuss his book "Night" and watch his trip to Auschwitz with Oprah Winfrey

**Sunday March 18 at 10 am - 12:30 pm**  
**Adult CPR Certification**

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*See flyer in this HaKol*

**Saturday, April 7 at 8:30 pm - Passover Poker!**

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*See enclosed flyer for details.*

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### GETTING TO KNOW: DEBORAH SPIGNER

**Q.** Tikkun Olam (repairing the world) is a beautiful Jewish precept. How do you respond?

**A.** At B'nai Tikvah I co-chair Sisterhood's Judaic Shop and the 'box top project' for the Religious School. Check which General Mills products qualify at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com).

**Q.** Is there a book or entertainment you'd recommend?

**A.** Amy Sedaris' funny new book, "I Like You: Hospitality Under the Influence." Off Broadway's "Esoterica" with Eric Walton, a wonderful actor, magician, and mentalist, "Finding Forrester," a movie classic.

**Q.** Which little imperfection do you plan to correct...someday?

**A.** Being impatient. And bossy (but I am considerate).

**Q.** What, in your daily work, gives you the most satisfaction?

**A.** Helping one of the gentlemen I work for on Youth Service America (youth volunteering in their community, [www.ysa.org](http://www.ysa.org)) and Sabre Foundation

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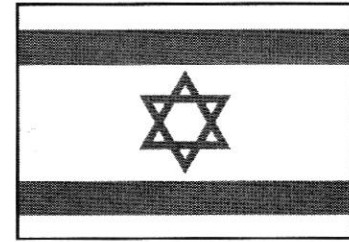
- **Savings Bonds.** These new bonds are offered with a choice of 2 year or 10 year maturities. The bonds have a minimum \$2,500 purchase price, and carry a fixed rate of interest payable upon maturity.
- **Jubilee Bonds.** Two new bonds have been added to the Jubilee series. Like existing Jubilees, 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
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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,

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### State of Israel Bonds



#### Investment Rates (Illustrative Only, not an offering)

4 <sup>th</sup> JUBILEE ISSUE 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 March 9, 2006

- 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 purchase.

**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).

6 <sup>th</sup> 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.

If your subscription is received and accepted before the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, your issue date will be the 15<sup>th</sup> day of such month; if your subscription is received and accepted on or after the 15<sup>th</sup>, your issue date will be the first day of the following month.

If your issue date is the 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

You may not assign or transfer the bonds except in certain special instances. The bonds will be repurchased prior to maturity only upon the death of the last surviving registered owner of the bond or the termination of an Employee Benefit Plan that owned the bond.

**MINIMUM SUBSCRIPTION: \$5,000 AND MULTIPLES OF \$2,500  
IRAs: \$4,000 OR \$4,500**

# B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

## Supermarket Scrip Committee

### FEBRUARY - SHORT MONTH, TALL ON UNEXPECTED

Thus far the winter of 2006 - 2007 has been remarkably mild thanks to El Nino.

However, here comes February, the shortest month on the calendar. February can also be very unpredictable. Some years we have blizzards, some years the snow amounts to much less. No matter how much snow we get or don't get, it can still feel like the longest month of the year. Remember that it IS winter and that means cold temperatures, early sundown, heavy clothing, possible shoveling of pavements, slipping and sliding.

Accompanying this panorama are sneezing, fever, chills, headaches, sore backs, raspy throats, etc. (Aren't I the painter of the dark side of winter?) Got the idea? This is how some, like I, view February. For others this month is like a winter wonderland. Skiing, ice skating, sledding, snowmen and the possible escape during Presidents' holidays.

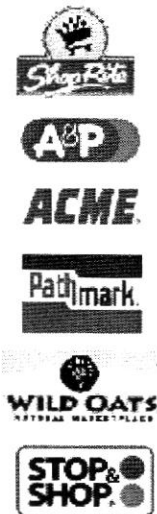
While I'm not usually a negative Nelly, I become Nelly with a mix of Grumpy Gussie included. So until spring arrives when I can thaw out in its warm temperatures, smell the flowers in bloom, watch the opening day of baseball season...however, I digress. As Gloria Gaynor sang: "...I will survive..." Like many of you I keep my shelves stocked with hot cocoa, soups, teas, aspirin, tissues, etc "just in case."

These items are all available at **A&P, Acme, Pathmark, Shop Rite and Stop & Shop.**

When you shop at these stores take supermarket scrip with you. Every time you use scrip Congregation B'nai Tikvah earns up to 5%. Scrip is available in various denominations from these stores, so purchase plenty of it so you can stock your shelves during this highly unpredictable month.

Get your scrip (and lots of it, too):

1. Sundays during religious school hours;
2. at the synagogue office (office hours only, please);
3. on line at bnaitikvah.org;



4. from Rachel Shaneson - (732) 329-2189 (South Brunswick, Princeton, other unmentioned areas) or Bobby Bergman - (732) 246-7285 (Monroe) or Ann Rosenzweig - (732) 249-9141 (East and North Brunswick)

Don't think you can get to the synagogue to purchase the scrip? Well, let's expunge that excuse from your vernacular. Scrip delivers free of charge to your home, work, gym, etc. The only thing we don't deliver are the actual groceries.

**THIS MONTH'S TIP:** This is the time of year that stores like Shop Rite have their CAN-CAN sales or similar. What, you don't need, but must buy, 12 cans of veggies? Go ahead, buy them. You know the price is right.

After you bring them home, keep what you want/need and bag the rest. Do the same for other such items. You know you will never use that much tomato sauce? Bag what you don't want/ need. Do the same for all of your purchase.

Next, drive to your local food pantry and donate the bagged items. After the recent holiday season, their shelves need to be replenished, too.

So until next month, curl up with a good book, sip on that hot drink and know that your favorite baseball team is starting spring training in a warmer climate than we!

*Linda Feinstein*

Dave Liebmann



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# B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

## SOCIAL ACTION

### Ongoing Social Action Activities

#### Food of the Month: Canned Goods.

Now that the holiday season has ended, the area food banks will need to restock their shelves. Please donate generously and frequently.

We also will continue our visits to nursing homes and senior living centers, where we entertain and interact with the residents. Adults and children at least 8 years old are invited to join us. Look for information regarding future programs and dates in a future Hakol.

#### Mitzvah Crib:

The Mitzvah crib has had used items, items for older children, and simply inappropriate items in it in recent months. It is for new infant items only, such as diapers, wipes, bottles, toys and clothing. Please consider those less fortunate on your next supermarket trip and pick up a baby item on sale. These items will be distributed to needy families in the area.

We are looking forward to another productive year by helping one another within the synagogue family and also reaching out to the rest of the community. With everyone's cooperation and support, we will have a successful one.

If you have any questions or suggestions, or if you would like to be part of the committee, please contact any of the following members:

*Janice Baer, Andrea Katz, Linda Kohn, Eilyn Schneider, Jenni Shapiro, or Amy Smith*

#### ClothesLine Project:

Thank you to everyone who donated jeans in January to the ClothesLine organization. The jeans will be given to needy individuals in New Brunswick, Piscataway and Perth Amboy are greatly appreciated.

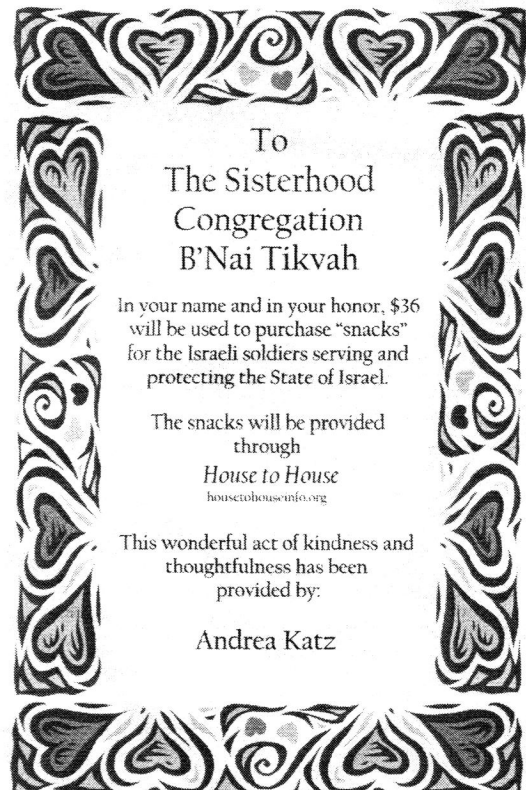
### Sisterhood Doing Mitzvot

by Andrea Katz

Sisterhood has been busy with the following Tzedakah activities:

- School supplies were donated to Amandla Crossing
- Donations to House to House who sends snacks and cards to Israeli soldiers
- Clothesline Bus received new undergarments and socks
- Collected Kosher Thanksgiving food for JFVS and sent makeup to Sharsheret (a program that helps young Jewish Women facing breast cancer)
- Participated in the Needy Family Program by providing electronic equipment to JFVS for their Senior Citizen Programs
- Granted the wishes of the Kosher Meals on Wheels Seniors by purchasing items on their wishlist

Come enjoy a Sisterhood meeting and do Tzedekah at the same time.



## B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

### SOCIAL ACTION

#### SUCCESSFUL BLOOD DRIVE FED BY FOOTBALL FRENZY!

Led by our congregation's top leadership: Rabbi Michael Goldstein; President Daniel Greenberg; and Past President Ari Behar, congregants and North and South Brunswick neighbors flocked to our NFL Playoffs Blood Drive on January 21st.

Sixty people walked through the door, and fifty-three left a pint of much needed blood with the staff of the Blood Center of NJ. Wow! Our third highest donor turnout ever!

Thanks to our helping-hand temple members: Shirley Engel; Dave Friedheim; Aaron Rosloff; Alex & Phil Welsher; Althea & Mort Wurmbrand ...great job folks!

Please join us on July 15th,  
when we'll do it all again.

*Marty Engel*

#### A HUGE THANK YOU

On behalf of the social action committee, I would like to thank everyone who participated in our endeavor to support families in need during the holiday season.

Because of your efforts, five families began the New Year with many basic resources most of us take for granted; sheets, blankets, dishes, silverware, winter coats, boots and other clothing. Those of you who made monetary contributions, I want to assure you that every penny was spent toward purchases of basic need items. For those of you who purchased an individual gift to those of you who sponsored a child or an entire family, I want to thank you for your time and effort. Every family is deeply appreciative of your kindness and was overwhelmed when they saw all the gifts they received.

A special thank you to Jennifer Shapiro for coordinating this program with me. Her enthusiasm, time and generosity is deeply appreciated.

Janice Baer

### Mitzvah Projects

**Kyle Spivak:**

**Pookas for Peace**

For his Mitzvah Project, Kyle Spivak is selling "pooka shell" necklaces and bracelets combining the colors of the flags of Israel and Lebanon as a symbol of peace for the region.

All profits are split equally to support Israeli and Lebanese charities.

In Israel: Hazon Yeshaya Soup Kitchens which provides more than 200,000 life-saving meals every month to thousands of Israelis.  
[www.hazonyesaya.org](http://www.hazonyesaya.org)

In Lebanon: World Vision which provides relief efforts to thousands of internally displaced families within Lebanon.  
[www.worldvision.org](http://www.worldvision.org)

For more information contact:  
[info@pookasforpeace.com](mailto:info@pookasforpeace.com)

**Daniel Levin:**

**Got instruments?**

Do you, or anyone you know, have a musical instrument that they are no longer using, whether they have upgraded instruments, changed instruments, or stopped playing in general?

If so, instead of having them just sit around your house, you can donate them to the New Brunswick school system, which is starting up a band program after not having one for 20 years.

None of the children can afford to buy or rent instruments; therefore, the only instruments they have are the ones that the school system can provide.

All you need to do is drop the instruments off at the Cantor's office, and I will take them to New Brunswick for my Mitzvah Project. These donations are tax deductible. If you have any questions, you can contact me at [goalieskillz7@comcast.net](mailto:goalieskillz7@comcast.net).

Thanks for Helping.

## B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

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### GETTING TO KNOW: DEBORAH SPIGNER

(distributing donated books to libraries/universities in developing countries, [www.sabre.org](http://www.sabre.org)). Also, being my own boss for 16 years. (Each man I work for does most of his investment deals outside the office.) I manage it, their business and vacation travel, and a lot of their personal doings (families included) and serve as secretary/treasurer of their companies. We met at a Morgan Stanley when I was in Mergers & Acquisitions and then Leveraged Buy-Outs.

Q. How do you "chill out"?

A. I wake up around 4:4:30 a.m., catch up on the news, drink my first cup of wonderful coffee, crochet kippots, afghans, etc and revel in the quietness of my house.

Q. Your pet peeve is ...?

A. Inconsiderate cell phone users.

Q. What different career might you enjoy?

A. Two possibilities. As a teen "Candy Striper", I wanted to be a nurse, still do. The other, I am an avid crafter, crocheting is my main passion, and I'd like to open a shop. A homey place where crafters from children to the elderly, "settle in" for a few hours and learn and share. Maybe combine crafts with my love for cooking and serve meals, too. Anyone want to invest in (or donate to) a Fiber Art Gallery?

Q. Where would your dream vacation take you?

A. To the Jamaica Inn in Ocho Rios—for a year! Our annual trips are too brief. There you can step back in time, to a slower pace, and just relax.

Q. Share a secret with us.

A. I gained ten pounds in my first three months as an assistant purchasing agent at Hebrew National, in 1975, 'cause everyone was a product taster.

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Amy and Arie Behar, in honor of the birth of Ethan Robert Afir (grandson of Dorothy and Norman Politziner)

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<p>JANUARY</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6</p> <p>7 8 9 10 11 12 13</p> <p>14 15 16 17 18 19 20</p> <p>21 22 23 24 25 26 27</p> <p>28 29 30 31</p>		<p>Candle Lighting</p> <p>2nd 4:59</p> <p>9th 5:07</p> <p>16th 5:16</p> <p>23rd 5:24</p>		<p>1 13 Shevat</p> <p>Yoga</p> <p>USY Meeting</p> <p>Executive Committee</p>	<p>2 14 Shevat</p> <p>Tu b'Shevat Program</p>	<p>3 15 Shevat</p> <p>B'Shalah</p> <p>Shabbat Shira</p> <p>Tu b'Shevat Lunch &amp; Sing</p>
<p>4 16 Shevat</p> <p>Men's Club Meeting</p> <p>World Wide Wrap</p> <p>RS PACT Tu B'Shevat</p>	<p>5 17 Shevat</p> <p>Board of Directors</p>	<p>6 18 Shevat</p> <p>Men's Basketball</p>	<p>7 19 Shevat</p>	<p>8 20 Shevat</p> <p>Yoga</p> <p>Kadima Meeting</p>	<p>9 21 Shevat</p> <p>Birthday Shabbat Service</p>	<p>10 22 Shevat</p> <p>Yitro</p> <p>Tot Shabbat</p> <p>Israeli Dancing</p>
<p>11 23 Shevat</p> <p>Gimel Class PACT</p> <p>Chai School Program</p>	<p>12 24 Shevat</p> <p>Sisterhood Board Meeting</p>	<p>13 25 Shevat</p> <p>Men's Basketball</p> <p>Israel Stamp Club</p> <p>50 Plus Board Meeting</p>	<p>14 26 Shevat</p> <p>Adult Ed Committee Program</p>	<p>15 27 Shevat</p> <p>Yoga</p> <p>USY Meeting</p>	<p>16 28 Shevat</p> <p>Family Shabbat Dinner &amp; Family Shabbat Service</p>	<p>17 29 Shevat</p> <p>Mishpatim</p> <p>Shabbat Shekalim</p> <p>Mevarekhim ha'Hodesh</p>
<p>18 30 Shevat</p> <p>Rosh Hodesh</p>	<p>19 1 Adar</p> <p>Office &amp; School Closed</p> <p>President's Day</p>	<p>20 2 Adar</p> <p>Men's Basketball</p>	<p>21 3 Adar</p>	<p>22 4 Adar</p> <p>Yoga</p>	<p>23 5 Adar</p>	<p>24 6 Adar</p> <p>T'Rumah</p>
<p>25 7 Adar</p> <p>Hamantashen Workshop</p>	<p>26 8 Adar</p> <p>Israel Stamp Club</p> <p>RAC Meeting</p> <p>School Board</p>	<p>27 9 Adar</p> <p>Men's Basketball</p> <p>50 Plus Meeting</p> <p>Lifeline Screening</p>	<p>28 10 Adar</p> <p>Adult Ed Committee Program</p>			<p>MARCH</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3</p> <p>4 5 6 7 8 9 10</p> <p>11 12 13 14 15 16 17</p> <p>18 19 20 21 22 23 24</p> <p>25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>

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