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Wednesday, May 2, 7:30 pm

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Sunday, May 6

Author Gene Hutmaker

Sunday, May 6, 10:00 am

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Sunday, May 6, 6:30 pm

The Society of Israel Philatelists

Tuesday, May 8, 7:30 pm

Medieval Jewish History

Wednesday, May 9, 7:30 pm

Author Eva Etzioni-Halevi

Thursday, May 17, 7:30 pm

Family Shabbat

Friday, May 18, 6:00 pm

Shavuot: Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Tuesday, May 22, 7:30 pm

Chai Members Dinner & Service

Friday, May 25, 7:00 pm

The Society of Israel Philatelists

Monday, May 28, 7:30 pm

Trenton Thunder

Sunday, June 3

Bnai Tikvah Bike Tour

Sunday, June 3, 8:00 am

See Inside for Details On These and Many More Events

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My daughters Bat Mitzvah, life impacting!

by Gary Warner

Though I've written many announcements in Hakol over the years this is my first editorial submission – hope you enjoy!

I wanted to share with the congregation some moving experiences from my daughter Jessica's Bat Mitzvah that were life impacting for me as a father.

Our daughter Jessica's Bat Mitzvah is now a three month old memory – but certainly one that will last a lifetime. The entire experience was tremendous not only for Jessica, but my wife Lisa, ten year old son Josh, and me.

This letter is the first of a two part contribution to share some of my personal experiences.

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From the Highland Park Conservative Temple

Dear Friends

Thank you for the loan of the siddurim and for photocopying all the parshas for us. It is through the support and generosity of people like you that we are able to continue all our religious services and programming during this very difficult time.

The entire Temple family is so grateful for your coming through for us when we needed it the most. We feel so blessed to have friends like you.

With warmest regards,
 Rabbi Eliot Malomet

Getting to Know:



Phyllis Denenberg

by Ann Gold

Just one minute with Phyllis Denenberg and you know that she loves her job and does it creatively. This smiling blond with a vibrant personality and twinkling eyes behind her glasses is Early Childhood Director at Congregation B'nai Tikvah/JCC of North and South Brunswick. Right now, Phyllis is doing triple duty: registering children for our summer day camp and nursery school's 2007-08 year while finishing up '06-07'. For specifics on programs, tours, and registration, see her article on page 13.

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

A. "When the children are so excited about something new they have learned (that they) give me a hug when I enter the classroom. When parents tell me that our staff and programs (nursery school, day camp, Mommy & Me) are special!"
 Because the school is

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THE RABBI SPEAKS Rabbi Michael Goldstein

“Bringing Our First Fruits”

“Did anyone order the fruit basket? I need to take it to synagogue with me tomorrow. How can I go to Shavuot tefillot (services) empty handed? I’ll be embarrassed!” -- The above is a scenario that I wait to hear some day. It is inspired by what is at the core of the festival of Shavuot. Our ancestors made the pilgrimage to Jerusalem, climbed the steep hill leading up to the city, then up the southern steps of the Temple Mount, finally coming into the outer courtyard of the Temple. In a very long line, they waited their turn to present the best of the first Spring harvest: fruits, barley, winter wheat, firstlings from the flocks. As they approached one of a long row of Kohanim (priests), they handed over their offerings and said,

“My ancestor was a wandering Aramean. He went down to Egypt with meager numbers and sojourned there; but there he became a great and populous nation. The Egyptians dealt harshly with us and oppressed us...The Lord freed us from Egypt with a mighty hand and outstretched arm...by signs and wonders. He brought us to this place and gave us this land...Wherefore I now bring the first fruits of the soil which You O Lord have given me.”

This declaration is exactly the words of the Torah (Deuteronomy Chapter 26) and each pilgrim said these same words.

With the destruction of the Temple in 70CE by Rome, we stopped bringing bikkurim (first-fruits) to Jerusalem. We substituted prayer as our offering. But, Shavuot remained a time of great celebration. The practice of setting aside bikkurim was renewed with the resettling of Israel by Jewish pioneers in late 19th and early 20th Centuries.

We too can be a part of the bikkurim. If you come to Shavuot services on Tuesday night, May 22nd, you will see two large, beautifully decorated baskets sitting at the center of the bimah. We encourage you to bring first-fruits in the symbolic way of non-perishable food items for those in need. We will pass these along to food pantries in our area. In particular, try to bring protein foods, breakfast cereals and paper products. These are always in need. These free- will offerings will be our way of keeping the tradition begun by our ancestors almost three thousand years ago. We

also encourage you to make monetary donations to MAZON, to area food banks or to international hunger relief organizations.

It is most important to join together at Tefillot (services) that night. Finally, we can come prepared to offer God our heartfelt thanks for enjoying enough resources to meet our needs. This offering comes in the form of prayer, both printed in the Siddur and issuing from the heart.

I look forward to giving thanks with you and to celebrating our blessings and good fortune. Look in this HaKol for the exact schedule of services for Shavuot, including Yizkor. Oh, and we are serving cheesecakes and ice cream afterwards.

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- Every Tuesday**
8:00 -10:00 PM Open Court Men's Basketball (except Erev Shavuot – May 22nd)
- Every Saturday**
10:30 AM Junior Congregation Service
- Wednesday, May 2nd**
7:30 PM Adult Education Program – Rabbi Goldstein series on Medieval Jewish History
- Thursday, May 3rd**
7:30 PM USY Meeting
- Saturday, May 5th**
10:30 AM Junior Congregation Service
- Sunday, May 6th**
10:00 AM Men's Club Program – Author of the Yankee Haters Book.
10:00 AM Sisterhood General Meeting
6:30 PM Latte & Learn for Teens at Barnes & Noble, Rt. 1
- Tuesday, May 8th**
7:30 PM Israel Philatelist (Stamp) Club meeting
- Wednesday, May 9th**
7:30 PM Adult Education Program – Rabbi Goldstein series on Medieval Jewish History
- Friday, May 11th**
9:00 PM Birthday Shabbat
- Saturday, May 12th**
10:30 AM Junior Congregation Service
- Thursday, May 17th**
7:30 PM Sisterhood Rosh Hodesh Program
7:30 PM USY Meeting
- Friday, May 18th**
6:00 PM Family Shabbat Dinner & Services for families w/children ages 2-7.
- Saturday, May 19th**
10:30 AM Junior Congregation Service
- Friday, May 25th**
7:00 PM Get Plugged into Shabbat with The Sons of Tikvah & Chai Anniversary Shabbat Dinner & Celebration
- Monday, May 28th**
7:30 PM Israel Philatelist (Stamp) Club meeting
- Tuesday, May 29th**
1:00 PM 50+ General Meeting
- Wednesday, May 30th**
7:30 PM Sisterhood General Meeting

OUR HAZZAN'S VOICE Cantor Bruce Rockman

Welcome Back and Join Us

We're back! The Sons of Tikvah Band has been practicing and we are ready to play for you again. Starting on April 27, and on the fourth Friday evening of May (25) and June (22), at the special time of 7:00 PM, the band will add our special brand of music & ruach, spirit, to help us begin our Shabbat with warmth and excitement.

Shabbat, it is a precious gift from God, a day of great joy eagerly awaited throughout the week, a time when we can set aside all of our weekday concerns and devote ourselves to higher pursuits. It is said "more than Israel has kept Shabbat, Shabbat has kept Israel."

As you may know it isn't typical for our congregation to add instrumental music to our services. And what we are doing with our Friday Night Plugged-in service **is not** a violation of traditional Shabbat observance. We begin and end "Kabbalat Shabbat" before Shabbat begins.

When we introduced this special service a few years ago it was intended as an experiment. We wanted to find out if this radically different style would be meaningful to our congregation. Simply stated, would more people come to services? Would the music be the powerful tool that we hoped it would be to engage more people in the overall observance of Shabbat?

Well the jury is still out. We are not sure if these services have accomplished all or some of our goals. Although initially, we had a large increase in attendance when we presented this special service, turnout at subsequent Friday Night Plugged-In services were about equal to our normal Friday night services. The attendance at an average Friday night service is 40-50 people. Sometimes fewer congregants attend services during secular holiday weekends and many more are in attendance when a special event is scheduled.

We have a strong nucleus of Friday night regulars, who participate in the service and include this service in their weekly routine and observance of Shabbat. After a short period of time in which our attendance had ebbed a bit, attendance has actually risen and stabilized in recent years.

The Conservative movement is rooted in tradition and embraces change. This service is an example of this. Limited instrumental music has been played for many years in Conservative

synagogues. For example in 1950's and early 1960's an organ was used at Congregation Beth Mordecai, a Conservative synagogue in Perth Amboy, and many others. Today, many synagogues regularly have a service like our Plugged-In service, and they continue to use the instruments on Shabbat.

We are typical American Jewish community; most people are comfortable with their level of observance. Some may look to do more in an ideal circumstance, but on the whole, most of our congregation is happy with their personal observance. With change comes responsibility, with commitment comes growth. The rabbi and the cantor are here to lead you and yes, also to challenge you. I think that this experiment can work if we together decide to meet this challenge wholeheartedly and with the understanding that want to get closer to God.

*"Break out of your confines, to the left to the right.
Revere Adonai in whom we delight.
The Messiah is coming to gladden our sight,
Bringing joy and rejoicing in fullness of days.*

*Come my beloved, with chorus of praise;
Welcome Shabbat the Bride, Queen of the Days"*

With Joy,

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	TBD	Mincha/Maariv

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

HAKOL

The Newsletter of
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Dan Greenberg

Over the past few weeks, our children who attend Junior Congregation (and the adults who stay and enjoy that service too), as well as those folks who join us for morning and evening minyan, have seen a change that took place in our Beit Midrash – our chapel where these services are held. There used to be a drab window overlooking a corner of our property in the Beit Midrash. As a matter of fact, it was so drab that for the past year or two it has been covered by a non-descript curtain which shielded out the view, but also unfortunately blocked the sun from entering this beautiful space.

However, the week before Pesach saw a transformation to the room with the installation of a beautiful stained glass window in this once drab location, and the room now dances with color and light. This remarkable work of art was donated by our congregant Martha Rotter in memory of her husband Herman, and it is indeed a fitting tribute. The Rotters have been members and very strong supporters of B'nai Tikvah since its earliest days, and this magnificent window speaks volumes about the level of caring and commitment that they have shown over the years.

We are lucky at B'nai Tikvah to have all kinds of dedicated people – people who give of their time and energy to plan and execute programs and events, and people who give generously of their dollars to enhance our physical space and ensure its continued care and maintenance. Of course, there are those who do both, and to all of these generous and caring people: we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Congregation B'nai Tikvah is immeasurably better off because of your devotion, your generosity and your spirit, whether you toil in the shadows where your help is relatively unnoticed, or everyone is aware of your commitment.

Naturally, there is always room for more help. If you are looking for a way to get involved, whether joining a committee, taking the lead on a program or event or dedicating a specific gift to someone, please let me know. We will all benefit from your help, and B'nai Tikvah will continue to thrive because of you.

Please watch the announcements carefully over the next several weeks; we are going to announce the formal dedication of the window soon. The dedication will be attended by the artist who created the window as well as the studio that executed the design, and we hope that as many as possible will join us for this happy occasion.

And if you haven't yet seen the new stained glass window, please come to the Beit Midrash anytime you feel like it – even when we are having minyan!

B'Shalom,
Danny Greenberg

From The Webmaster

Phanfare

Thanks to Ben Gottesman, we now have a truly useful mechanism for displaying the thousands of photos of various B'nai Tikvah events.

Simply hover the mouse over the "Photo Albums" link and select the desired year. If you have a reasonably fast computer, the slideshow feature (with its background music) is visually stimulating in the way they're animated.

You can also download high-quality images and slideshows to your computer.

Playing with Time

The center of our home page contains a small calendar with lots of information.

The current day of the week and Gregorian date are displayed on the left and the Hebrew date is shown on the right, separated by a small button clock. The Gregorian date is a clickable link to the B'nai Tikvah event Calendar maintained by the synagogue office.

The Hebrew date is a link to an interactive calendar provided by JewishPeople.com.

The clock in the center is not without a sense of humor, which can be discovered by hovering with the mouse.

Gary Bergman

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ANOTHER VIEWPOINT

A Patriotic Pesach

If you happen to be at a cocktail party sometime, and the subject comes up as to which is the oldest American veterans organization recognized by Congress (okay, so it ain't very likely to come up, but anyway) you can make some money by betting that it's the Jewish War Veterans of America. It has happened from time to time that after the Civil War of the 1860's, some loudmouth ignoramuses complained that the Jews eschewed their responsibilities by not enlisting in the Union Army.

Well, it just so happens that there were Jews on both sides of the infernal fraternal fracas and to prove their patriotism, Jewish veterans of the Union Army formed what is today known as the Jewish War Veterans of America (JWV).

Following is a brief summary of the determination of a group of Jewish soldiers to hold a seder in the spring of 1862.

J. A. Joel and twenty of his Jewish comrades in the 23rd Ohio Volunteer Regiment obtained permission from their commanding officer to absent themselves from duty for a few days to observe Passover. They spoke to the camp sutler (provider), a Jew, who was going home to Cincinnati for Passover. The sutler sent them seven barrels of matzo and several Passover Hagaddot.

They had to apply Yankee ingenuity to obtain the rest, which meant finding meaningful substitutions, such as a brick for charoses to symbolize the hard work of the Israelite slaves, and apple cider instead of wine. But they were able to find a lamb to replace the lamb bone, and not knowing which part was suitable for the seder plate, they put the whole lamb on the table. The matzo, chicken and eggs were the only conventional items, but the important thing was that they had a meaningful seder.

Things went well until they came to the part about the bitter herbs. The weeds that they found to substitute for the maror was so bitter that some of them drank all of the cider at once instead of over the four separate times and got so drunk they had to be carried back to camp, and as the story goes were left in the arms of Morpheus.

There, wrote Joel, "in the wild woods of West

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A MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

Ruth Anne Koenick, VP Membership

A very happy 75th birthday to Sam Rozenzweig

Condolences to:

Elliott Danto

on the death of his mother Doris

The Behar family

on the death of our congregant Amy

Wayne Gonchar

on the death of his father Nathan

Steve Levin

on the death of his father Buzz

Maxine Paley on the death of

her husband Ron, B'ni Tikvah's first president

Sheila Gordon on the death of her

brother Alan Shapiro and her mother Sue Shapiro

Mazel Tov to:

The Weiner Family on

the naming of their new daughter

Marc and Brenda Sherman on being honored by the congregation and the greater community

Suzanne and David Spivak on

the bar Mitzvah of their son Kyle

Ruth and Marty Shindler on

the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Sarah

Wendi and Alan Chinich on

the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Alexandra

Jodi and Jeff Woller on

the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Ashley

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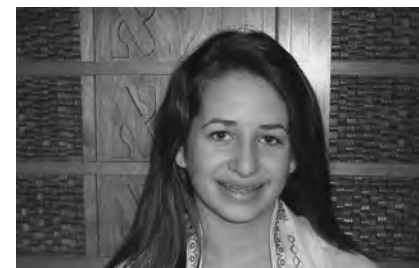
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Seth Berger, May 19th
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Arielle Sherman, May 26th
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CONGREGATION EVENTS AND INFO

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Questions? Contact Rabbi Goldstein! See You Then – Hag Sameach

Schedule for Shavuot 5767

Tuesday, May 22nd	Erev Shavuot
7:30 PM	Mincha/Maariv Festive Dairy Oneg Tikkun Leil Shavuot (short presentations by various individuals. We will end by 11 PM. Come for all or part.)
Wednesday, May 23rd	First Day Shavuot
9:30 AM	Shacharit Ice Cream Kiddush
8:00 PM	Mincha/ Maariv
Thursday, May 24th	Second Day Shavuot
9:30 AM	Shacharit (including Yizkor) Festive Ice Cream Kiddush
8:00 PM	Mincha/Maariv

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Chai Anniversary Shabbat

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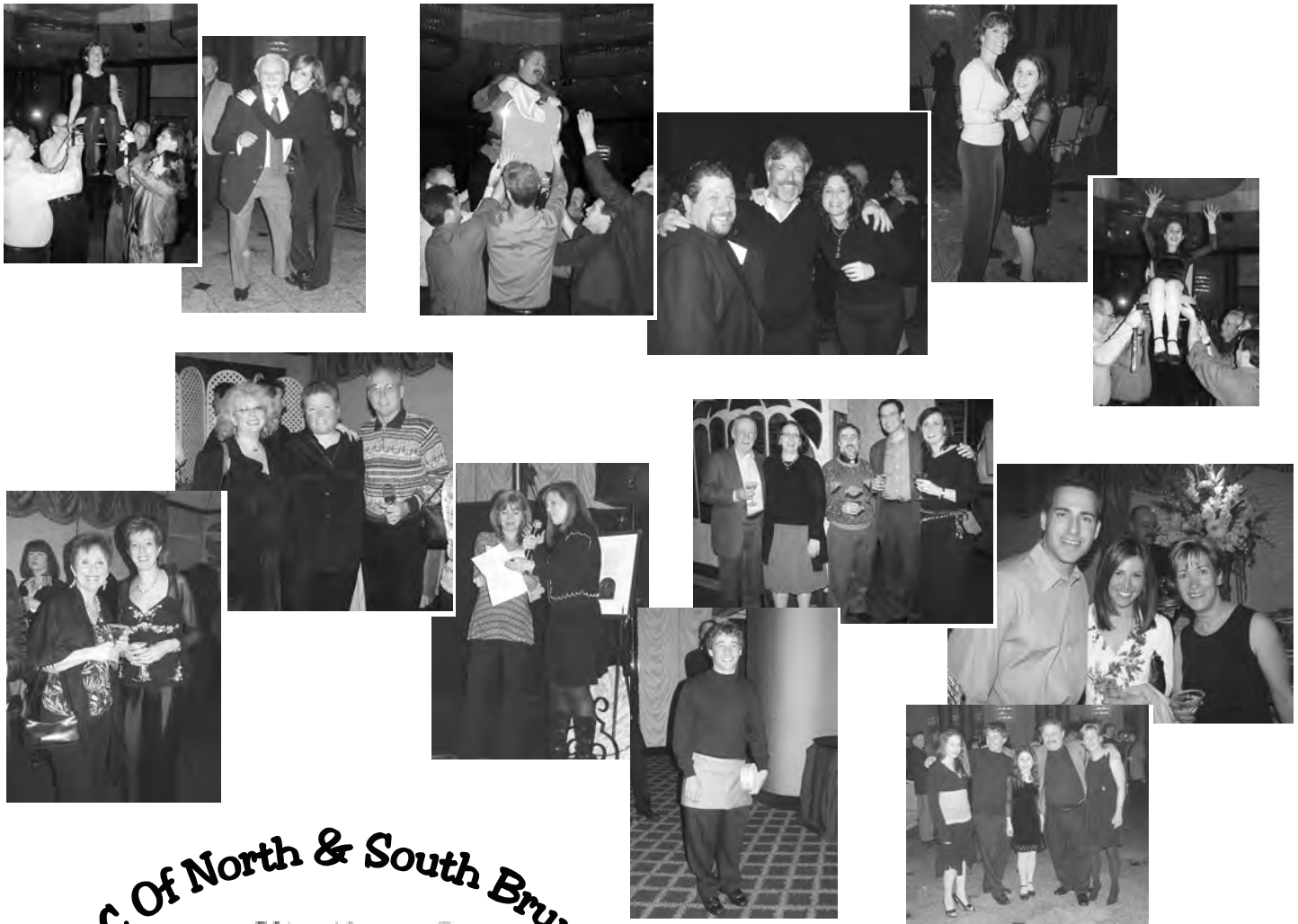
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Daughters Bat Mitzvah

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Those that know me, recognize I'm not an observant Jew – more of a “cultural” one. Admittedly, I can't read Hebrew at the speed of most, nor am I intimately familiar with many of the prayers. However, I decided to read Torah for my daughter Jessica's Bat Mitzvah in an effort to share the experience with her, and create a more spiritual connection for me. I didn't realize what a tremendous experience it would become.

I have not read from the Torah since my Bar Mitzvah, some thirty years ago. Although the thought of reading Torah was certainly intimidating, I wanted Jessica's Bat Mitzvah to have religious significance for me as well as for her. I also believed reading Torah would create a bond between Jessica and me – did it ever!

Since I do not know how to read trope (the symbols in the Torah which indicate how each word is sung), Cantor Rockman recorded a CD with my multiple verse Torah portion. I had to memorize the Cantors tone word for word. I probably played this CD hundreds of times, since my memory is not what it was when I was 13 years old. When I believed I had “mastered” my torah portion (about two weeks prior to the Bat Mitzvah), I began to practice with Jessica. Now for the first time in our 13 year relationship – our roles were reversed and she became my teacher. Jessica was initially quite kind, and tried to delicately correct me. But our sessions became more intense, entertaining, and outright funny. Jessica teased my inflection, corrected my Hebrew, and made fun of how I bobbed my head while singing certain words. We had so much fun and so many laughs while I practiced my portion. We spent a lot of time together helping each other prepare. Jessica and I bonded during this time – and this experience is one which neither of us will ever forget.

As parents we try to instill Judaism into our childrens lives, and expect their commitment in becoming a Bar or Bat Mitzvah. My wife Lisa and I believe in leading by example. By reading Torah, I demonstrated to Jessica my commitment to Judaism, and therefore could expect the same of her. While encouraging Jessica to practice her Torah and Haftorah portions, I practiced my portion. I led by example.

Jessica was a shining star at her Bat Mitzvah service. She rose to the challenge and was flawless. She made her entire family so, so proud of her

accomplishments, and of the young woman she had become.

My Torah reading went pretty well. I think I may have skipped a word, or mispronounced another – but it didn't matter. I had a spiritual experience – felt closer to G-d. I created a tremendous bond with my daughter, made her Bat Mitzvah experience more enjoyable for our entire family, and have lifetime memory. I think I may even read Torah again!

I write this article with the hopes I can inspire other parents to share my same experience.

I encourage those parents with B'nai Mitzvah children to read Torah at your child's Bar/Bat Mitzvah – it is a spiritual, moving experience! You share a spiritual connection, commitment, bond, and a lifetime memory with your child and G-d - at least I did!

Stay tuned for the next months article where I will share one of my other life impacting Bat Mitzvah experiences!

Gary Warner

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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	Marlo Hirshon
Dina Adams	Keren Kapoano
Perelle Bernstein	Linda Katz
Faye Bronzo	Sara Lewis
Melissa Burnett	Cantor Bruce Rockman
Phyllis Edley	Barak Routhenstein
Rona Gershon	Michele Sherman
Gina Giuffre	Terez Slim
Rabbi Michael Goldstein	Carol Winter
Sara Greenfest	

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:

Alyssa Benzilio	Marc Katronetsky
Andrew Lewis	Joshua Sherman
Alexander Ciccione	Melissa Katz
Rebekah Riemann	Jessica Shultz
Courtney Cohen	Ellis Klein
Tamara Rucko	Leah Suttner
Matthew Cohen	Joshua Kohn
Rebecca Safeer	Jessica Warner
Craig Dickert	Benjy Levin
Daniel Shapiro	Brian Wistreich
Evan Jacobs	April Levine

Arielle Sherman

Thank you to Vice President of School and Youth, Jeff Cadoff and Religious Education Chairperson, Janice Baer 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,

Wednesday, May 16th 7:30PM

Hei Class Siyum (7th Grade Class Commencement) Service

On Wednesday, May 16 (*please note the date has been changed), 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 "Part of the Solution" 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 2007 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 Wednesday, May 16, 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.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL continued

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

Alexander Ciccione Craig Dickert
Andrew Lewis

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

KOL HAKOVOD 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 name(s) of the teacher(s) you wish to honor and mail it back with your check to:

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A card will be sent to the individuals to acknowledge your gift. Many thanks for your support and generosity. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REMINDERS:

Friday, May 4:

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

Sunday, May 6:

SECOND GRADE PARENTS, 10:00am-10:25am
Next year your children will begin a new phase of our Religious School. Please join us for a brief orientation to our ALEF curriculum, new class schedule, junior congregation requirements and discussion about your role as parents.

Friday, May 11:

ALEF CLASS CONSECRATION Ceremony, 7:00pm

Sunday, May 13:

GIMEL CLASS
MOCK WEDDING CEREMONY, 11:30 am

Wednesday, May 16:

HEI CLASS: Siyum Ceremony and
CHAI graduation, 7:30pm

Saturday, May 19:

DALET CLASS Junior Congregation
Shabbat Service, 10:30am

Sunday, May 20:

Last day of Religious School

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

PHYLLIS DENENBERG, DIRECTOR

Spring is here and so are our caterpillars! We are watching them go through their chrysalis stage. We hope to have butterflies very soon.. We will feed them fruit and flowers. The children hope to set them free just in time for our Mother's Day Tea. The tea will take place in each individual class on Friday, May 11th. The invitations for Mothers and Grandmothers will be coming soon.

Please note: Teachers conferences are Wednesday, May 16th for the 3's and pre-k. There will be no school for those classes. Mommy & Me classes will take place as usual.

Conferences for the 2 ? year old class will take place on Thursday, May 17th. There will be regular sessions that day.

Our Open House was a huge success! Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out and donated items. Thank you again to Classic Caterers for their food donation.

Registration for school and camp is still going on! Don't be left out!

We have Mommy & Me programs for the summer!

If you register for nursery school and full season summer day camp, save \$50.00!

For more information on all our programs (and pictures too!), please go to our website at;
www.bnaitikvah.org/nursery.html

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to email me: nursery@bnaitikvah.org or call me at 732-297-0295 ext. 22.

Come for a tour!

Until next month...

Phyllis Denenberg, Director

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B'NAI TIKVAH YOUTH

KADIMA

Hey Kadimanicks!

Here's what's happening in May:

Win, Lose or DRAW!!

Wednesday, May 2, 2007 6-7:15pm

Get ready to play Pictionary. See if your Kadima teammates can guess what you are drawing and win prizes, and enjoying a PIZZA dinner.

Please RSVP by April 29th to Rachel
Kadima@bnaitikvah.org or 732-317-4023.

Israel Day Parade in NYC, May 6th

We encourage all Kadimanicks to attend the Israel Day Parade in NYC with their parents!

An end-of-the-year BBQ is being planned for the end of May, please watch your mailboxes for details!

There's still time to sign up for encampment, please see article below and visit the regional website for more information,
<http://hagalilusy.com/Kadima/kadima.html> .

It's been an AWESOME year! Thanks for making it such a GREAT success!

Rachel Sakofs
Kadima@bnaitikvah.org
or 732-317-4023.

Latte & Learn -

A Discussion Group for Teens
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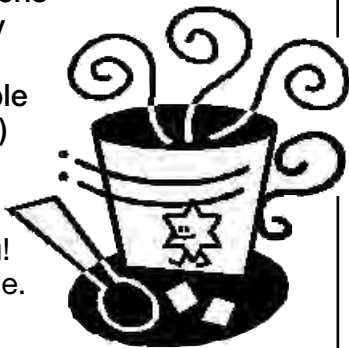
Sunday: May 6

6:30-8pm at Barnes & Noble
(Route 1, North Brunswick)

Join Jewish teens from
your community. Coffee is
on us, discussion is for you!
Bring a friend or come alone.

For more information, write
Latte@bnaitikvah.org

Dorothy Cohen
(Co-Chair, B'nai Tikvah Youth Commission
Visit: <http://www.bnaitikvah.org/youth.htm>



U.S.Y.

Hey N/S Brunswick USY!

As the school year is coming to a close and the summer approaching, our chapter is still having fun!

Get ready, because **May 3rd** is "Freshmen Vs." night, a night where games and challenges are done and its the freshmen class versus everyone else in attendance. Upperclassmen, don't miss your chance to show the freshmen what you're made of! Freshmen, try and impress the upperclassmen!

On **May 19th**, get ready to dance the night away at closing dance. It's one of the last regional events, so come and see all of your new (or old) friends for one last time.

Please RSVP to Audra (usy@bnaitikvah.org) no later than May 14th. Seats on the bus will go fast for this dance.

See you soon,

Jodi Eisenberg
N/S Brunswick Communications VP

Hagalil Kadima & USY 2007 Encampment is August 20-27.

Applications have been mailed
to all Kadima and USY members.

You can also find information about
Encampment on <http://www.hagalilusy.com>.

Regional scholarships are available
for information call: 732-738-7960.

Deadline for deposit is June 1.

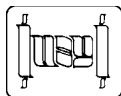
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From the Jewish Committee of Scouting (JCoS)

It is that time of year when many Scouting units are planning to attend Kinusim.

A Scout Kinus is a weekend gathering of Scouts, Scouters and possibly family and guests. There are many variations, but they all combine Scouting with Judaism.

Its purpose is to provide a setting in which Jewish Scouts gather to learn, play, study, meet, camp, hike, earn religious emblems, discuss, worship and generally have fun.

Here is some info about Area 2 & Metros Kinusim:

Event	Dates	Location	Contact
GNYS JCoS Kinus	May 4 - 6, 2007	Camp Pouch, Staten Island, NY	gnyjcjosconclave2007@yahoo.com
NJ Cub Scout Kinus	May 18 - 20, 2007	No-Be-Bo-Sco SR, Blairstown, NJ	DChazin@aol.com
NJ Boy Scout Kinus	May 25 - 28, 2007	No-Be-Bo-Sco SR, Blairstown, NJ	DChazin@aol.com
Suffolk County Kinus	June 1 - 3, 2007	Baiting Hollow Scout Camp, NY	wb2adf@aol.com

Thank you,

Jeff Goldsmith,

Member, National Jewish Committee on Scouting & NER JCoS Area 2 & Local Metros Rep.114

B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

SISTERHOOD



Over 50 couples attended our Passover Poker event in April.

What a lot of fun, thanks to a great committee of volunteers.

To view a slideshow of the evening go to:
<http://www.bnaitikvah.org/poker.html>

Upcoming Events

May Social Action Item - Bring kosher cookies for Trenton area soup kitchen. Cookies will be repackaged for distribution during the May 17th and May 30th meetings.



Sunday, May 6

NYC Trip to
 Museum of Jewish Heritage
 Bus trip to NYC and museum.

Get on board and bring the whole family.
<http://www.mjhnyc.org/index.htm>

Sunday, May 6 - 9 am til noon

Mysterious Markdown Day at the Judaica Shop. This is a perfect day to shop for Mother's Day - you never know what will be discounted which will be the perfect gift for Mom!

Sunday, May 13 - 9 am til noon

Never-ending Sale Day at the Judaica Shop. We need to take inventory and the less we have to count the happier we'll be - come in and check out even more sale items.

Thursday, May 17 7:30 pm.

Visiting Speaker: Eva Etzioni-Halevi
 Discussion with renowned author of Garden of Ruth (also author of Song of Hannah). Both books available in Judaica Shop. Open to all.



Sunday, May 20 9 am til noon

Summer Camp Bonus Buys at the Judaica Shop. Come in and browse for small gifts and trinkets for all the campers you know! Last regularly scheduled shopping Sunday! Don't miss the fabulous sales.

Wednesday, May 30 7:30 am

Creative Crafts Night. Project still in the works.

Past Sisterhood Presidents Are Missing!



Sisterhood is ready to mount a plaque commemorating B'nai Tikvah's past Sisterhood Presidents. We are missing Presidents between 1985-1988. Please help us remember. Contact; Lynn.Biderman@bnaitikvah.org

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Your effort and time is always appreciated

B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

MEN'S CLUB

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

Date: May 6, 2007

Time: 10 am (after minyan)

Featured Speaker:

Gene Hutmaker,
author of the book *Banned in the Bronx: The Yankee Hater Memoirs 1953-2005*

On Sunday morning, April 29, the Men's Club will be organizing a road trip. Our destination will be the annual induction ceremony at the National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame in Commack, Long Island. We are organizing car pools to the Hall of Fame.

We have been invited to the pre-ceremony breakfast, so we will be looking to leave from our parking lot at 8am.

This year's honorees include:

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ESPN Journalist

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Boxing

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Dan Lurie -

Bodybuilding

Jerry Markbreit -

Former NFL referee

Lennie Rosenbluth -

College Basketball

Mark Spitz -

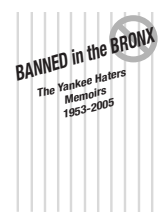
Olympic Swimmer

Dwight Stones -

Olympic High Jump

In addition, Alan Freedman, Executive Director of the Hall of Fame and a past guest speaker at a recent meeting will be receiving the Good Guy Award.

If you are interested in joining us, please call us or send us an e-mail. Make sure to let us know if you can be a driver and how many available spaces you have in your car.



Our next meeting will be Sunday morning, May 6, 2007 at 10am. Our special guest will be Gene Hutmaker, author of the book

Banned in the Bronx: The Yankee Hater Memoirs 1953-2005. Mr. Hutmaker is a resident of South Brunswick. He is also a Project Coordinator at South Brunswick H.S.

This event is open to friends and family. There will be the usual charge of \$4 for our traditional buffet breakfast.



There are still limited seats remaining for the second Men's Club road trip of the season. June 3, 2007

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Co-Presidents, Men's Club

A Patriotic Pesach

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Virginia, away from home and friends, we consecrated and offered up our prayersthere is no occasion in my life that gives me more pleasure and satisfaction than when I remember the celebration of Passover of 1862".

There were about 8,000 Jewish soldiers in the Union army and approximately 1,500 in the Confederate army. In researching this story, I came across a letter dated April 24, 1864 by a Jewish Confederate soldier, Isaac J. Levy of the 46th Virginia Infantry, in which he describes how he and his brother observed Passover during the Civil War. Isaac writes that they observed the festival in a "truly orthodox style", including kosher beef.

Isaac Levy was killed at Petersburg on August 21, 1864 at age 21. He is buried in the Hebrew Cemetery on Shockoe Hill, Richmond, in the Levy family plot.

And oh yes, I and both of my brothers were in the various branches of the military during World War II and my youngest brother Joseph was also a medic in the Korean war.

Let there be no question that one can be an observant Jew and an American patriot at one and the same time.

Aaron Rosloff

B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

SHAVUOT QUESTIONS

The holiday is called the time of the giving of the Torah, rather than the time of the receiving of the Torah. Why is this?

Why is it customary to stay up the entire first night of Shavu'ot and study Torah, then pray as early as possible in the morning?

Why is it customary to eat a dairy meal at least once during Shavu'ot?

Why is it customary to adorn the home and synagogue with fruits, flowers and greens?

Let us also remember that we cannot be truly free men, nor would we be worthy of such freedom, unless we take upon ourselves to observe and do all that G-d commanded us in His holy Torah. Like our ancestors at Mount Sinai, we also must proclaim: Naaseh vnishmah -- we will do and learn; and only then will we have lasting freedom.

Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson

50plus

Meeting; May 29th, 1 PM

The FIFTY PLUS group will meet on Tuesday, May 29, at 1 p.m. in the Social Hall of the Synagogue. The nominating committee will present the slate of officers for election.

We will be celebrating 'Older Americans Month' with games, prizes and refreshments.

Dues are due on July 1, still only \$15.00 per year and all new members signing up at this meeting will receive a bonus of being paid up through June 30, 2008. Come and bring your friends and prospective members.

For further information call;

*Doris at 609-860-1498 or
Annette at 732-297-3562.*

THE VAV ABOVE

For many centuries it has been the common practice to start all columns in the Torah except five with a word beginning with the letter vav. The letters vav which stand at the heads of the columns are known as the vavei ha-amudim ("the columnar letters vav"), and are associated in the tradition with verse 27:10 of Exodus, in which the term vavei ha-amudim (translated as "the hooks of the pillars," or "the hooks of the columns") is used in connection with the instructions being provided for the building of the court of the Tabernacle.

Five columns of a Torah start with letters other than vav. These letters, when read in sequence and then terminated with a vav (so that they create

a mnemonic phrase), spell out the two word b'yah sh'mo ("Whose name is the Lord," Ps. 68:5). The letters constituting the two words b'yah and sh'mo are bet-yod-he and shin-mem-vav respectively, and are written in most Torah scrolls emanating from western regions — i.e., in Ashkenazic scrolls — in this order: bet, from Bereishit (Gen. 1:1; and since Bereishit is the first word of the Pentateuch there is obviously no way of starting the first column of a Torah with any other letter than a bet); yod, from Yehuda (Gen. 49:8); he, from habaim (Ex. 14:28); shin, from sh'mor (Ex. 34:11); mem, from mah (Num. 24:5); and vav, from va-aidah (Deut 31: 28).



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Supermarket Scrip Committee

MAY SPRING BE BRIGHT

It's now the merry month of May 2007. We all know how busy this month could be. Rather than reserve a small section for this month's tip, most of the article **IS** this month's tip(s) and how to creatively use supermarket scrip from **A&P, Acme, Pathmark, Shop Rite and Stop & Shop.**

Since it is May, let's have a run down of any or all activities that possibly occur during the month. This includes: Mother's Day, college graduations, barbeques, Little League games, bike rides, hiking, Memorial Day weekend. Next, there is the reminder that scrip buys more than just food and drink.

There are paper goods, books, magazines, DVDs, sunscreen/lotion, greeting cards, gift wrap, coolers, ice packs, Band-Aids, first aid items, household cleansers (for you homebodies). Then there are personal items such as, but not limited to, shampoos, hair gels, hair spray, mousse, makeup, manicure needs, hair brushes, combs, hair dryers, etc. Just look around your favorite supermarket, you may see things that you really didn't see before, because you weren't really looking.

Getting **Mom** or maybe than **soon-to-be college grad** a gift? Going to give a gift (i.e., scrip) card? How thoughtful yet **BORING!** Do purchase that gift card, but go beyond stuffing it in the envelope and handing it over to the recipient. Get a little more creative. Here's an idea and feel free to use and/or adapt it for yourself. Get an inexpensive gift basket, fill it with decorative stuffing. On top of this place some small personal items that the person may enjoy. For a female college grad or for Mom include a nice pen, hand cream, shower gel, lighted key chain, the gift card, etc. Either place the gift card directly in the basket or inside a greeting card. Wrap the basket with a decorative cellophane wrap, tie it closed with a ribbon and/or bow. **Voila!** No longer a ho hum envelope, but now it is a **GIFT!**

Going to a **bridal shower?** If there is a theme, such as a kitchen theme, some nice items include: a dish rack/drain, sponges, dish soap, cleanser, pot holder and kitchen towel. Place all in the rack/drain with the gift card. Wrap this with decorative cellophane and a bow and **TA DA!** It's a gift.



For parties or barbeques there are many simple ideas for hostess gifts:

Most of these stores have florists – can't go wrong with flowers or a nice plant;

Fresh fruit platter – either made in store or by you;

Cut veggies with dip (same as fruit);

From store's seasonal aisle – some summery drink glassware and drink mix (i.e., iced tea, etc.) placed in a matching bowl, or on a matching platter, wrapped in that decorative cellophane wrap and a pretty bow.

Now that you have some ideas, what can you create? Once you start, it is very easy. So when you are making your list for the supermarket, remember to add a little extra for these gifts and purchase supermarket scrip from Congregation B'nai Tikvah's supermarket scrip committee. Just like every other month, this is how you may purchase this scrip:

visiting the scrip table in the lobby of the school wing during Sunday religious school hours.

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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.



Donate Your Old Cell Phone

In addition, we are resuming our collection of used cell phones. Please bring the phones, along with the battery and charger, to the synagogue office.

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 always looking to welcome new people to join our committee. If you are interested in being a part of it, please call the synagogue office, and a committee member will contact you.

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Phyllis Denenberg by Ann Gold

nonsectarian, “it was special for me, this year, to add an afternoon Jewish Enrichment for those who want to go deeper.”

Q. When you’re together with your family, what do you do?

A. “We love to go to Nets games...I watch my three sons play basketball in the backyard and for their teams.” It runs in the family, Phyllis also played on her high school basketball team.

Q. How often do you make some “private” time so you can be by yourself?

A. “Every Shabbat afternoon, I relax and read (while eating popcorn and drinking seltzer). Afterward, I take a much-needed nap.”

Q. Who was the greatest influence on your life?

A. My father, Jacob Green, was a dentist. “He would always explain what he was doing, step by step...” At home, “he would explain the life cycles in the world around us.

When I started teaching, I realized that my hands-on attitude came from him; that was why I always took the students outside to help make them aware of their surroundings and the miracles of nature.”

Q. Your pet peeve is?

A. “When people complain about things that are done by others (volunteers!) but won’t contribute their own time—or even offer suggestions.”

Q. What entertainment do you enjoy?

A. “I love going to movies, when I can get there and I enjoy all the

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CSI shows.”

Q. How would you like other people to think of you?

A. “As a warm and caring person.”

Q. What different career might you enjoy?

A. “Nothing else. I worked my way up from a teacher’s assistant to a head teacher, to my present position as Director of Early Childhood at B’nai Tikvah. I have the best of all worlds: I can both teach children new things and my new ideas can come to fruition.”

DATA

Full Name:

Phyllis Gerri Denenberg

Lives in:

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