

## THINGS TO DO

**Why Did the Heavens Not Darken?**  
 a Presentation by Rabbi Wolkoff  
 Wednesday, November 7, 7:30 pm

**Ethiopia & Israel - Men's Club**  
 Sunday, November 11, 10:00 am

**Neshama Carlebach in Concert**  
 Sunday, November 11, 6:30 pm

**Warm Up America**  
 Wednesday, November 14, 7:30 pm

**Family Shabbat Dinner & Service**  
 Friday, November 16, 6:30 pm

**Crafts & Vendors Fair**  
 Sunday, November 18, 9 am-3pm

**Annual Interfaith Service at CBT**  
 Sunday, November 18, 7pm

**50+ Club Meeting**  
 Tuesday, November 27, 1 pm

**Sisterhood Paid Up Dinner**  
 Wednesday, November 28, 6:30 pm

*See Inside for Details On These and Many More Events*


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## Attention Parents of College Students:

The vitality of Judaism is assured by the way our college-age youth experience and practice our religion. Their commitment to continue our Jewish way of life is shaped during these important college years.

The College Connection Committee is being formed to reinforce their bond with B'nai Tikvah while they may be living away from home. It is our goal to keep them connected to both Judaism and our synagogue.

If you have an interest in joining our committee and sharing your ideas, please contact:

Bonnie Eisenberg at 732-355-0887  
 or [Bossfan78@comcast.net](mailto:Bossfan78@comcast.net).

## Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

at Congregation B'nai Tikvah  
 Sunday November 18th, 7 PM

This event is sponsored by our area clergy association.

The theme this year is "giving thanks to our schools and the role they play in our interfaith community."

Students of various religious traditions will be invited to speak about their personal experiences living in a multi-cultural, pluralistic society.

You get the reward of being entertained by some of your own children who will be performing with their school choir as well as other musical performances, including *The Sons of Tikvah* and CBT's own *Makehlah* choir.

At the same time you get to be an example of support for B'nai Tikvah and our greater community.

## 2nd Annual B'nai Tikvah Crafts Fair & Vendors Market

**Sunday, November 18, 2007**  
**9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

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- Food & Refreshments

For information and details on vendors: [www.bnaitikvah.org](http://www.bnaitikvah.org)

## WORDS FROM THE RABBI Rabbi Robert Wolkoff

### So, the journey begins...

The annual cycle of Torah readings has just gone back to the beginning. In a mere two weeks, the Torah tells us all it wants to about the world in general. With parashat Lech Lecha, the Torah shifts focus to its central topic (and that of the Tanach as a whole): the evolution of the Jewish people.

Lech lecha—"Move yourself...to the place I will show you"—are the first words spoken by G-d to Abraham our father; and therefore, the first words spoken to the Jewish people as a whole.

"Move yourself." In the Torah, we see that Abraham did as he was told, moving from the great Mesopotamian civilization to a relatively remote but, as it turns out, unique place, the Land of Israel.

On a deeper level, though, Abraham moved in a different way. As his body and belongings moved geographically, Abraham's very concept of "self" moved spiritually and psychologically. In coming to the foreign turf of Canaan, in raising a family, in confronting the challenges G-d and fate put before him, he becomes a different person. Or, perhaps more accurately, he becomes the person he was meant to become. Or perhaps more accurate still, he comes to the place that G-d had intended to show him.

As Jews we echo in our lives the lives of our ancestors. Geographically, certainly, our wanderings are obvious. And how remarkable that we live in a time when we have succeeded in returning to the very land that Abraham was promised!

But what of our spiritual journey? Are we confident we have come to the internal, spiritual place G-d intended to show us? Are we, at least, well on our way? Or are we perhaps lost? Or do we perhaps feel that we are trapped in a place not of our own choosing? Or, worst of all, have we forgotten altogether that we are supposed to be "moving ourselves?"

In all likelihood, all of the above! In some ways, we may have truly arrived at a life rich in meaning. In other ways, we may be, so to speak, stuck in traffic. But no matter where we find ourselves, it is Torah—the study of Torah and the life lived

through Torah—that will help us on our way.

With that in mind, it is my intention this year to facilitate three ongoing study sessions (please refer to our website for details!). One will center on our prayers—their history, their relevance, their meaning. The second will be on biblical ecology—how an awareness of the intricacy of the natural world permeated the consciousness, and history, of our biblical ancestors; and last but certainly not least, a class on understanding the Torah from an historical, literary, and spiritual perspective.

So, the journey begins. Let us take it together.

Shalom,

*Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff*

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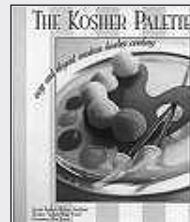
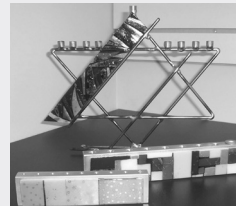
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## OUR HAZZAN'S VOICE Cantor Bruce Rockman

### See You in November, We're Going to Have a Blast!

As Americans we celebrate Thanksgiving and Veterans Day this month. November is a very busy month. From a Jewish calendar perspective, it is very quiet, there are no Jewish holidays. At the same time the Federation's Super Sunday, Rutgers' Jewish Film Festival, the L'Dor Vador concert at B'nai Tikvah, speakers and performances fill synagogue, federation, and Jewish organizational calendars everywhere. We are so fortunate that our community offers so many worthwhile opportunities to express our Jewish soul. For our synagogue, it is incredibly busy, our religious school calendar is full and it is an ideal month for a simcha.

At B'nai Tikvah we are at the vanguard of many community activities. We are a congregation of leaders and we share our wealth with the community. Our members are very prominent in the greater community and organizations. This is why our home grown programs have become more important than ever, and your support is critical. With so much happening in the area, the most unique and meaningful events will take place in our building. We need you to be here!

I am here to proudly promote, our event, the Neshama Carlebach performance will take place at B'nai Tikvah, on November 11th. Thanks to our membership and the generosity of the Teicher and the Roller families, a major happening for the entire area will take place here. I am proud to announce that there will be other B'nai Tikvah events in the coming months that we will celebrate with our greater Jewish community.

B'nai Tikvah, our synagogue, is the Jewish institution that Jews throughout our area, members and non-members should be able to turn to for their daily spiritual, social and cultural needs. We must welcome unaffiliated Jewish families to our events. Former members can be invited to see how we have grown; a welcoming hand extended, and that they are among friends with common history and aspirations.

Our concert with Neshama and the Baptist choir will illustrate our commitment to our future. It will emphasize our love for our Jewish tradition while celebrating the similarities of diverse populations.

The following week, Sunday November 18th at 7PM, we will host a second important community

event, the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving service, sponsored by our area clergy association. The theme this year is "giving thanks to our schools and the role they play in our interfaith community." Students of various religious traditions will be invited to speak about their personal experiences living in a multi-cultural, pluralistic society. In addition some of your children will perform with their school choir as well as other musical performances, including The Sons of Tikvah and The Makehlah.

These two events express our aspirations as a community. We teach our children that they are Jewish and have a responsibility to be good examples, a light among nations. Please make a special effort to be here November 11 at 6:30 and the following Sunday, November 18 at 7PM.

And celebrate our legacy.

Tickets for the Neshama Carlebach concert are very affordable, as inexpensive as \$5 (five dollars!) for your children and only \$18 for adults. Please be here, bring your friends, we will have a great time and your children will have a blast! And when you are here, together we will *"Sing a new song to God, renew ourselves, all people of the earth!"*

*Thank you!*

*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  
**Congregation B'nai Tikvah**  
**JCC of North & South Brunswick**  
 1001 Finnegan's Lane  
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Published monthly except for July and August. Submissions are welcomed about Congregation events, group activities, and other material relevant to the Jewish community.

**All Submissions for HAKOL are due by the 15th of the preceding month**

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

All e-mail submissions are acknowledged via e-mail. You may also put submissions in the HaKol mailbox in the synagogue office. All submissions are subject to available space and editorial constraints. Please call Phil Welsher at 908-874-0959 if you have any questions.

## **SUBMISSION FORMATS:**

### **Text:**

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

### **Graphics & Images:**

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### **ORDER FORMS & FLYERS:**

Submit order forms and inserts to be sent with the HaKol mailing to the editors by the 15th of the preceding month

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**Hakol@bnaitikvah.org**  
 or 732-238-6893

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** Ruth Anne Koenick

When my daughter Molly was little she got angry with me about something I had done or not done. I don't remember the issue but I do remember that she told me "You should go back to pre-school and learn how to be nice to people". We laugh about that now but at the time, she was quite serious. I write about this incident because it connects to the issue of leadership and what makes a good leader. So, give me a few sentences to make that connection.

One of my favorite authors who writes about leadership is Susan Komives, Dr. Komives is on the faculty at the University of Maryland and in her book *Exploring Leadership for College Students Who Want to Make a Difference*, she discusses the concept of leadership as a "relational process of people together attempting to accomplish change or make a difference to benefit the common good." She goes on to say that leadership is about relationships and involves a focus on five primary components:

- is inclusive of people and diverse points of view,
- empowers those involved,
- is purposeful and builds commitment toward common purposes,
- is ethical,

and recognizes that all four of those elements are accomplished by being process-oriented.

I would like to add one component, that leadership is based in civility. We can have differences of opinion, we can discuss and disagree, but all of this should be based in civil relationships.

Although usually related to cities and crime, there is a theory called the Broken Windows Theory that suggests that if you ignore the seemingly little problems in a community, things like unkempt lawns, graffiti, or broken windows, it essentially creates a sense of irreversible decline so that people abandon the community or stay away. I think there is a direct correlation between that theory, the issue of civility and the perception people have of our community, Congregation B'nai Tikvah.

As I have said many times, we are a kind, generous, loving community and a community of kindness to each other, not just when someone is need because they are ill or because they have experienced a loss, but because that is who we are as individuals and as a community. We are all leaders in the Jewish Community and all of us have opportunities to become leaders at B'nai Tikvah. Over and over again, I see people doing exceptionally kind things for each other and that was evident during the recent month of holidays. People stepping up whenever there was a need. Although I don't have the final count, we have raised more money in response to the Shomrei Tikvah and the annual High Holiday appeal than I thought possible. For that kindness, for making sure that we don't ignore the little and not so little problems, I am eternally grateful. There is so much we can accomplish when we do it together and when we remember what we learned in pre-school.

*Ruth Anne Koenick*

## From The Webmaster

### Start a new career! Make big bucks! Become a Webmaster

- Being a webmaster requires a few specialized skills. Ask any 11 year old.
- You need to be able to write (spelling optional, the computer can do that for you).
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- You need to be able to edit (or at least correct other people's obvious mistakes).

But most importantly, you need to feel comfortable using a computer without being intimidated when things don't always turn out the way you expect (as they never do).

B'nai Tikvah's website was not created overnight. It took several weeks to get started and the work is still ongoing. Every day there are new things to be added, old things to be deleted, and current things that need to be made better and easier for users to access.

Our web site is multi-user enabled. Which, in English, means several people can make changes, additions, and corrections to any of our pages without having to coordinate with a central webmaster, or each other.

If you'd like to learn what HTML is all about and how you can help with the maintenance of our website, give me a call (or more appropriately an e-mail) and we'll setup a time where I install the WebEDIT system on your computer and spend an hour or so to help you get started.

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# A MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

Allison Nagelberg, VP Membership

### Condolences to:

The family of Bernie Bitterman

### A Warm Welcome to Our New Members:

Ralph and Adena Santiago

Michael and Leah Smollin

And their children Alyssa, Zachary and Jacob

William and Joyce Halpern

And their daughter Arielle

Christopher and Debra Love

And their daughter Samantha

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## Are your needs being met here at B'nai Tikvah?

Just drop me a note at:

*Membership@BnaiTikvah.org*

*Allison Nagelberg,*

*Membership VP*

# B'NAI MITZVAH



Nov. 3, Simone Klein  
Ron & Jennifer Klein



Nov. 17, Jennifer Resnick  
Howard & Marla Resnick

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## ANOTHER VIEWPOINT

### Red Buttons

By Aaron Roslof

Red Buttons was one of the last great Jewish American comedians. His recent death reminded me that Red Buttons lived on the same block as me and went to the same public school, P.S. 44 in the Bronx.

He was in the eighth grade when I was in the seventh, which means that he was just one year older than me. His name was Aaron Chwatt and although he was born on the Lower East Side, his middle ten years were in the Bronx. Red (the Buttons part came later) was the kind of kid (good natured and very disruptive in class) that teacher's would rather be a hall monitor than in the classroom. He was by nature a tumbler and attention seeker, and at recess time in the school yard, if he got the basketball it was impossible to get it away from him. He was as quick as a rat.

After graduating from grade school, I lost track of him until I saw him in the Borscht Belt in the Catskill Mountains, where I worked as a busboy and waiter during my later teen years. One Friday night, after I had set up for breakfast in the dining room, I went over to the casino to see the entertainment.

The M.C. said a few words about the new top banana and introduced Red Buttons. So who do I see coming on stage, but Aaron Chwatt. I had never heard of an entertainer called Red Buttons, this was just Aaron Chwatt, that pain in the neck kid in the school yard. After he did his routine, including a song of his called "Sam You Made the Pants Too Long" I went up to the stage to greet him. But as soon as he saw me he turned and ran.

The next night I again went over to the casino to see the show. Standing next to me was a girl whom I recognized from P.S. 44. Her name was Roslin Schwartz, which I would never have remembered except for the fact that when we locked eyes during that moment of recognition, we both looked toward the stage and broke into laughter. He was avoiding her even more desperately than me because she had been in his class and Red Buttons would be outed as being younger than he had stated to get this work.

That fall, one evening as I stood in front of my house, Aaron Chwatt came strolling past with two friends. As he went past me I called out to him "Aaron, were you too important to talk to me at

Woodlawn Villa?" I had him cold. There was nothing he could say so he went into one of his routines with the "who and the ha" and with his hands in the air and doing body moves. I watched as he went down to the corner with his two friends doubled over in laughter.

The next time I saw him, he was on television and one of the comic acts he had was of a punchy prize fighter.

He had a long and varied career in radio, television, stage and screen and in his later years gave generously of his time to charity and often free shows to senior groups.

There was nothing punchy about Red buttons, among the last of a dying breed of great Jewish American comedians. A great loss to those of us who enjoy benign humor. Sayonara old friend.

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## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS Ann Kanarek, Director

### ON THANKSGIVING, MAKE KIDDUSH AND HA-MOTZI

In a few weeks all of us will gather with family and friends for the festive holiday of Thanksgiving. We will enjoy being together and sharing culinary delights, giving thanks and observing the tradition of the holiday.

Thanksgiving is a holiday full of custom and individual family rituals.....centerpieces with pilgrim people, turkey candles, cornucopias overflowing with gourds, nuts, figs and grapes and thank you speeches. It is a holiday filled with tradition. Why not think about making Thanksgiving Jewish?

There is a definite Jewish connection to Thanksgiving. When the Pilgrims were gathering that first fall harvest in their new land, they went back to the Bible and found their own way of bringing the Sukkot ritual alive. Thanksgiving is simply a Pilgrim version of a creative Sukkot celebration—add the popcorn and cranberries, take out the lulav and etrog, and you get the picture.

In the book, **“40 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO SAVE THE JEWISH PEOPLE”**, Joel Grishaver recommends saying the Kiddush and eating Challah. This year make Thanksgiving a Jewish American holiday, enjoy the turkey and all its trimmings and have a great time.

**Chag Sameach!!**

**Best wishes to all our families for a happy Thanksgiving!**

### JEWISH BOOK MONTH

During November and early December we celebrate Jewish Book Month. The aim of Jewish Book Month is to popularize books on Jewish subjects among our adults, youth and children. There is an ever-growing library of Jewish books of juvenile interest available. Visit our book fair and check out the variety of Judaic reading material and at the same time help to support our school. The dates and times of the Book Fair are as follows:

**Sunday, December 2, 9:00 am - 12:05 pm**

**Tuesday, December 4, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

**Wednesday, December 5, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

**Sunday, December 9, 9:00 am - 12:05 pm**

### MEET AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR KAREN OSTROVE

We are delighted to be able to bring *Karen Ostrove* to our school on **Sunday, December 2**. Ms. Ostrove is a notable storytelling artist of Jewish children's books. Her award winning and very popular books include: *Only Nine Chairs; Poppy Seeds, Too; Modi'in Motel; Fins and Scales; Tuvia, the Tiny Teacher; It All Began with a Doormat; A Yom Kippur Think; Like a Knot in My Shoelace; and Family Rhymes for Jewish Times*.

In addition to being a writer of Jewish children's books, Karen is a talented ventriloquist. She and her puppet, *Zelda, the Bird*, team up to illuminate the way books are made, using her books as examples. Through dialogue, illustration and puppetry, Ms. Ostrove will bring to life the dynamics of the creative process of writing.

Everyone is invited to meet **Karen Ostrove** and spend the morning with her as we highlight Jewish Book Month with her visit. Ms. Ostrove's books are available for purchase now and again during the book fair.

### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REMINDERS:

**Sunday, November 11:**  
NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL,  
NJEA Convention

**Sunday, November 18**

ALEF NAMING CEREMONY & BRUNCH:  
10:45 am

**Wednesday, November 21:**  
NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL,  
Erev Thanksgiving

**Sunday, November 25:**  
NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL,  
Thanksgiving Weekend

**Sunday, December 2:**  
JEWISH BOOK MONTH  
Author/Illustrator; Karen Ostrove

**Sunday, December 2 thru 9:**  
JEWISH BOOK FAIR

## NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

PHYLLIS DENENBERG, DIRECTOR

Fall weather has finally arrived. All the children are making projects relating to the season. Come and see the artwork displayed in our hallways.

If you are interested in seeing what we do here and viewing pictures of the children each week, please go to our website  
www.bnaitikvah.org/nursery.html

Every afternoon our nursery has enrichment classes. They will be highlighted each month in the Hakol.

Mrs. Winter, assisted by Mrs. Lesko, heads up Passport To Adventure. The children pack suitcases and with "passports" in hand, they travel to new lands every month. In October, they traveled to Mexico. Our students learned words in Spanish, created colorful maracas, serapes and were served nachos topped of with chopped tomatoes and a dab of sour cream.

With wonderful memories of their trip to Mexico, the amigos will be looking forward to new adventures as they prepare for their visit to Italy.

In conjunction with our upcoming unit on community helpers in December, the pre-k class will be going on a trip November 14th to Robert Wood Johnson Hospital. Bristol Meyers Squibb sponsors a program where the children learn and "experience" a visit to the hospital. Look for pictures from our trip on our website after the 14th.

We have two fundraisers going on at this time, Kidstuff books and Innisbrook wrapping paper (and kosher chocolates). Please support these fundraisers.

School will be closed Thursday and Friday November 8th & 9th due to Teachers' workshops. Our staff will be taking a certified course in CPR and First Aid.

Later this month there will be much preparation for our Thanksgiving Feast. It will take place, Wednesday, November 21nd. Invitations will be sent home.

We are in need of donations of clothing that would be suitable for dramatic play in each classroom. No shoes or hats please (unless the hats are made from plastic). Sports jackets, fancy dresses, shawls, ponchos, pocketbooks and costumes in good condition are some examples.

Until next month...

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#### How does this program work?

Each family will fill out a wish list of their needs. The wish lists typically include items like towels, sheets, blankets, clothing, shoes, coats and children's toys.

#### How can you help?

Become a family coordinator for one family's wish list. This might involve getting your family, friends, co-workers, and merchants to donate the needed items to fulfill the family's wish list.

Volunteer to obtain one or more of the items on a family's wish list.

Donate money that will be specifically used to

purchase items on a family's wish list.

Checks should be made payable to:  
*Congregation B'nai Tikvah Holiday Program.*

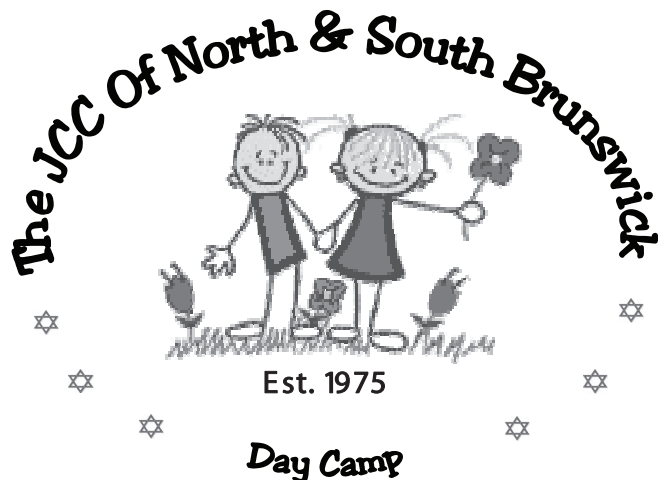
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call Janice at 732-940-0268.

**PLEASE RESPOND BY NOVEMBER 14th**

**We would like to thank the following  
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## B'NAI TIKVAH YOUTH

# KADIMA / U.S.Y.

### Kadima

Kadima is off to a great start! New members keep registering & we always welcome more! Ice Breakers for an Opening Event was a great way for me to get to know everyone! Thanks to Rabbi Wolkoff who had a chance to speak at our Sukkah dinner for both Kadima & USY.

### November 1 – Who Am I ?

in the Youth Lounge 7:30-9 pm



### November 15 –

### Tzedukah and a Movie

at the East Brunswick Jewish Center.

6:30-8:30 pm

Bring singles!

### November 26 – Craft Night

in the Youth Lounge 7-8:30 pm

### December 7-8 – Regional Shabbaton

in West Orange &

then dance open to everyone on 12/8

Applications aren't posted yet, will let you know when available & RSVP for the dance by 11/30

<http://hagalilus.com/Kadima/kadima.html>

### USY

USY's Opening Event, BBQ at the Greenberg's was a blast. Thanks for Board helping to collect donations of can goods for Yom Kippur from the Synagogue! The group then had an event called Supermarket Sweep & donated all the food they purchased to the Franklin Township Food Bank which was a total of 158 pounds!

### November 12 – Jackpot BINGO

in the Youth Lounge 7:30-9 pm

invite your Hagalil friends.

Bring spending \$\$\$ for SATO.



### November 17 – Regional Dance

in South Orange for those who can't attend Fall Kinnus. Time TBA, RSVP by 11/11

### November 20 – Feed the Children

1111 Corporate Rd, North Brunswick 6-9 pm,  
RSVP by 11/21

Contact me with questions or concerns throughout the year! If you haven't turned in your application yet, please send into B'nai Tikvah office. Applications are available on <http://bnaitikvah.com/youth.html>. November will be the last month that monthly newsletters go out to non-members, don't miss out.

Jordana Andersen (732) 422-7457

Jorde1174@aol.com

## What's a KINNUS?

Every fall, the Hagalil region hosts the USY Fall Kinnus.

Kinnus is the Hebrew word for convention.

Using the word kinnus, rather than convention, is just another way to connect teens to their Jewish roots.

Raising money for charity is a key activity at at regional Kinnus. One year, Michelle Rich (Regional Director) agreed to dye her hair blonde as a challenge to raise money: students raised \$10,000.

What do Regional events mean to you?

Dorothy Cohen

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## B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

# SISTERHOOD

### Coming Attractions

November 14	Warm up America Project
November 28	Paid-up Membership Dinner
December 2 & 9	Gift Shop Bazaar
January 12, 2008	"Passover" Poker

**MEMBERSHIP MOMENT MOMENT** Even if you aren't a Sisterhood member, you can join us for dessert and entertainment at the Paid-up Membership Dinner on November 28. If you are a member of Sisterhood, join us for dinner and dessert which is included with your dues. See the invitation in this edition of Hakol.

To become a member, complete an application on-line or contact Caryl Greenberg at [Caryl@comcast.net](mailto:Caryl@comcast.net) or Brenda Sherman at [msherman10@comcast.net](mailto:msherman10@comcast.net).

### SOCIAL ACTION

The Festival of Lights is will be upon us soon. Brighten someone's Channukah by donating potato latke mixes, applesauce, grape juice, apple juice, gelt, and candles at our November meetings. Thank you, in advance, for your donations!

### MAH JONGG CARDS

Ladies, you just memorized your 2007 card, and it's already time to order your card for 2008! Beat the rush by ordering yours today. Use the order form in this month's Hakol to order for your group. Also, check out the Judaica Gift Shop for new Mah Jongg items!

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Having a Bar or Bat Mitzvah? Let Sisterhood decorate the bima with two non-perishable food baskets that match your color scheme! We also deliver to other synagogues! For more info or to order your baskets, contact Andrea at (732) 329-0687.

### "PASSOVER" POKER ASSISTANCE

In order to make the second Annual "Passover" Poker event a huge success, we are seeking committee members. If you are interest in making a valuable contribution of your time, contact Linda Fellen-Gottesman at (732) 651-7953 or Phyllis Safeer at (732) 432-9622. We are also seeking donations for our silent auction and tricky tray. If you or someone you know can make a donation, please contact Andrea Katz at (732) 329-0687.

### WARM UP AMERICA

Warm Up America! is made up of volunteers who knit or crochet 7"x 9" rectangles and then put them together to make an afghan. If you would like to participate, contact Bobbi Binder at [eemaof3@comcast.net](mailto:eemaof3@comcast.net) for yarn kits and instructions or use whatever leftover yarn you have. We will then meet on November 14 to put the afghans together. Our efforts will be donated locally. We can help one square at a time.

### CHANNUKAH CARD

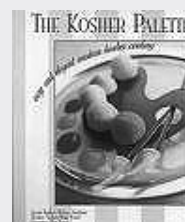
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# MEN'S CLUB

Our October meeting was very interesting and fun as Brewmeister Jeff Cadoff showed us the fine art of home brewing beer. We learned about the equipment needed as well as the reaction that various strains of yeast have on different grains. Those chemical reactions determine the type and taste of your intended brew. We also tasted some of Jeff's sour apple "Cyser". It certainly cleared my sinuses. Great stuff!!

Those who are interested in starting a CBT brew club, please email the Men's Club.

On November 11th, the Men's Club is honored to have Mitch Frumkin speak at our meeting and share with us his recent experience traveling to Ethiopia and Israel.

Mitch was part of a group from the Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County participating in Operation Promise.

I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday November 11th at 10 am, when we will serve our traditional bagels and lox breakfast.

Steve Katz, President – Men's Club  
732-329-0687

# 50plus

## Meeting; November 27th, 1 PM

The Fifty Plus Group will meet on Tuesday, November 27, at 1p.m. in the Social Hall of the Synagogue.

Our program will be a presentation by Robin Kessler, of 'R & D Internet Associates', a company that assists clients in purchasing, as well as repairing of, and teaching computers. Her program will also include 'How to protect your computer'.

To insure sufficient hand-out materials and other surprises, we would like to know how many people to expect. Members, prospective members, and guests are welcome. Please call Madeline at 732-297-4240 or Doris at 609-860-1498 before November 15, to let us know you plan to attend. Refreshments will be served.

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## Supermarket Scrip Committee

### NOVEMBER - A MONTH TO GIVE THANKS

Yes, it is the month to give thanks. We members of the Supermarket Gift Card (SGC) committee have lots to be thankful for and we want to share our thoughts with all of you.

To begin, we are thankful for the loyal families at Congregation B'nai Tikvah (CBT) who, year after year, have supported this fundraiser by continuing to purchase SGC from A&P, Acme, Pathmark, Shop Rite and Stop & Shop. Because of his diligence, our first thanks goes to Larry Cohen, Vice President of Ways and Means. He provided us with the following SGC statistics for the 2006 – 2007 fiscal year. It is with big thanks that we announce that 148 families purchased SGC of which

- 59 families purchased \$1000 or more
- 13 families purchased \$3000 or more
- 6 families purchased \$5000 or more.

Specifically, we would like to thank the top purchasing families for their support. The top family with a total purchased of \$7400 is the Binder family. They are followed by the Cohen, Nagelberg, Jacobs, Ross, Bergman, Schurman, Valen and Sherman families. Thanks to all for supporting CBT.

Next, the calendar supplies us with other reasons for giving thanks. On Tuesday, November 6 we will be able to exercise our privilege to vote for the candidates of our choice. Being able to vote is a freedom that we should be grateful to use. This gratitude stems from the fact that there have been brave men and women, both in the past and in the present, who have sacrificed time with their families, friends and careers to help preserve our freedom to vote, along with all of our freedoms. We honor these men and women on November 11 (Veterans' Day). Those of us who do not work on this day should take advantage of the various celebrations of the day. Unfortunately, some of you may think I am talking about the many sales going on in the stores. Ok, go to these, but AFTER you display your patriotism and appreciation at one of the many ceremonies in our area.



Ah, now for my personal favorite and I am sure for many of you, too – **THANKSGIVING!** Thursday, November 22 is the date of this, my most favorite holiday. The images that spring to mind about this day: Macy's Parade, high school (as well as others) football games, gathering with friends and families, turkey with stuffing and cranberry sauce. Apple pies...Yummy! If it is cold out I won't care as long as it doesn't rain. Then there are all of the sales circulars that come with the holiday edition of the newspaper advertising which store can be the earliest to open the following morning before the sun even rises...

As you plan your holiday menu and prepare to shop at your favorite supermarket, don't forget a sufficient amount of SGCs. In fact, the above listed stores have already begun to advertise free turkeys when you accumulate a minimum total of purchased items. These same stores are also stocking your favorite holiday staples including, but not limited to: stuffing, fresh cranberries, canned cranberry sauce, white and/or sweet potatoes, vegetables (fresh, frozen or canned), apples, cider, pies, etc.

To remind you (once again), here is how you can purchase your SGCs:

At the committee table during Sunday religious school hours;

In CBTs office during regular office hours;

On line at [bnaitikvah.org](http://bnaitikvah.org);

From one of the following committee persons:

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(Somerset County & western areas)

Rachel Shaneson – 732-329-2189  
(South Brunswick, Princeton, etc. areas)

This month's tip: To finish off this article in its theme, let's be thankful for all that we have and remember those who may not be as fortunate. As in prior years may I suggest that if you either don't need a free turkey or you somehow manage to qualify for more than one, donate that bird to your local food pantry. If don't have a free bird, you could still donate one. Contact your local food pantry and ask how to do this. Do they prefer the real bird or do they prefer the

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coupon for a freebie or do they want supermarket gift cards to cover the cost? These agencies will also be grateful for other donations of holiday foods and related items. Just ask, they will be happy to inform you of what their needs will be. When you do this, you will be able to relax and enjoy your holiday, because you were able to help others have a good one, too.

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The lecture will be "Why Did the Heavens Not Darken? – Theology in the Shadow of the Holocaust". The Holocaust present a challenge to the most fundamental and dominant concepts of human consciousness. How can one speak of divine love and mercy, of reward and punishment, of progress and human dignity, after Auschwitz? In this lecture, we will explore the new theologies that have been developed since the Holocaust to resolve this paradox.

Please join us for this event...I promise it will be a very interesting evening!

Shalom,

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