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Worldwide Wrap: Men's Club with the Religious School

Sunday, February 3, 10:00 AM

USY Chill Night: Youth Lounge

Monday, February 4, 7:30 PM

Bene Israel, the Jews of India: with Dr/ Johannes Corley

Thursday, February 14, 7:30 PM, after minyan

Kadima Bingo & Pizza

Thursday, February 21, 6:30 PM

Sisterhood Shabbat

Saturday, February 23

Kiddush Cup Workshop

Sunday, February 24

USY Israeli Night

Monday, February 25, 7:30 PM

50 Plus Meeting

Tuesday, February 26, 1 PM

Rabbi's Classes & Lectures

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When I travel

by Ruth Anne Koenick

When I travel I usually try to find the closest conservative synagogue and attend Shabbat or holiday services. There have been several experiences that I find troublesome but two in particular stand out. Earlier this month, Paul, Molly and I visited our son and daughter-in-law, Josh and Lisa, at their new home in California. Saturday morning, I went to the local conservative shul. I walked in a few minutes late (I got lost), and sat down in one of the pews close to the front of the congregation. At no time did anyone, including the usher at the door, make any attempt to welcome me. During the Torah procession, the Rabbi shook my hand but that was really it. There were multiple opportunities to offer me an honor or to say something welcoming to guests, but none were said. I stayed for part of the Kiddush, partly to see what they

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New Brunswick Cemetery Desecration

Four teenagers were arrested and charged with vandalizing a Jewish cemetery where hundreds of headstones were toppled, authorities said Thursday.

The damage did not appear to be a bias crime, they said.

About 500 headstones at the Poile Zedek Cemetery were toppled or broken apart the evening of Jan. 4. Three nights earlier, about 20 headstones were damaged.

On Wednesday night, authorities arrested four New Brunswick boys ages 15 to 17. Three were charged in both incidents and the fourth with participating only in the Jan. 4 vandalism, authorities said.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County stands with the community in expressing shock and sadness at the desecration and vandalism at the Poile Zedek Cemetery in New Brunswick.

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Who Is It?

A Shaliach Tzibbur is a messenger of the congregation, a leader of communal prayer. Congregation Bnai Tikvah is privileged to be led in prayer by several shelichei tzibbur: lay minyan leaders as well as Cantor Rockman and Rabbi Wolkoff.

Among our cadre of regular minyan leaders are: Jeff Schwartz on Sunday evening, Irwin Millinger on Monday evening, Barry Safeer on

Tuesday evening, and Gary Ehrlich on Wednesday evening. Cantor Rockman is the usual Shaliach Tzibbur on Shabbat, on Sunday morning and on Thursday morning.

On the High Holidays we've often heard Bobbi Binder, Arthur Cederbaum, Gary Ehrlich and Sam Rosenzweig leading the congregation in the preliminary prayers, p'sukeih d'zimra, and in

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WORDS OF THE RABBI Rabbi Robert Wolkoff

Etz Chayim Hee L'Machazikim Bah...

We used to say that time is money.

Now we know better.

Time is more important than money. Considering all the stress we live with, and the inhuman pace we are supposed to maintain, we find that every second counts.

I am reminded of a scene in the wonderful movie, "Three Men and a Baby," where some high-flying bachelors in Manhattan suddenly find themselves trying to care for an infant. It's the turn of one of them to change the baby, but he's late for an important business meeting. He looks at one of his roommates and says, "I'll give you a thousand dollars if you change her."

That's how much time (not to mention avoiding changing diapers) is worth.

In practical terms, what that means is that *no one* come to *everything* our congregation offers. What is essential, though, is that *everyone* come to *something* our congregation offers.

And nowhere is this truer than in the world of adult education.

The single greatest mark of success a congregation could have is to be able to say, "Everyone in our congregation learns." It doesn't matter that we can't all learn at the same time. It doesn't matter that you can't go to this class or that lecture, because you have a scheduling conflict. *Of course* you have a scheduling conflict. As one of my students in our parenting class pointed out, there is no longer any such thing as "free time." All we can do is to choose to do this, rather than that.

And this is the reason our adult education programming is all over the place. Wednesday morning, Wednesday night, Thursday night, Friday night, Saturday morning, Saturday night, Sunday morning. Films and lectures and classes and tours. CBT, Barnes and Noble, Jewish Museum, people's homes. Mysticism, Bible, Parenting, History, Ecology.

Any time, any topic, any format, any location that works. No barriers, no requirements, no hoops to jump through.

Why? Because we need to make ourselves

available to all our congregants, in spite of everyone's time constraints.

Why? Because we need to make ourselves into a congregation of life-long learners.

Why? Because we are Jews, and learning, above all, is what Jews do.

One of the questions we are asked in heaven is, "Did you set aside a time for study?" Note the phrasing. Not, "Did you study?" but rather, "In your crazy life, did you find some regular moment of sanity, some ever-verdant spiritual oasis in which the life of your mind could be replenished with the waters of Torah?"

The way I see it, our goal here at Bnai Tikvah is to help you answer yes to that question.

Shalom,

Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff



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	7:30 AM Shahareet	7:30 PM	Mincha/Maariv
Friday		8:00 PM	Kabbalat Shabbat
Saturday	9:30 AM Shabbat		Mincha/MaarivHavdallah
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		February 9	5:15 pm
		February 16	5:15 pm
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April 2 May 7
- Bible Interpretation 8 PM, Wed.**
February 20 March 26
April 16 May 14
- Prayer 11 AM, Sunday**
February 17 March 16
April 6 May 4
- Jewish Parenting 9 AM, Wed.**
(or: How to make your kid a mensch)
February 13 March 12
April 9 May 14

Lectures:

- Feb. 24:** Barnes and Noble book review
- Mar. 8:** Sex in the Zohar or Biblical Ecology
(note: held at Beth Ohr, Old Bridge)
- Mar. 13:** Barnes and Noble book review
- Apr. 9:** Presentation of Passover Seder Commentaries
- May TBA:** Judaism A-Z at congregants' home
- June 8:** Tikkun Lel Shavuot

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OUR HAZZAN'S VOICE Cantor Bruce Rockman

“Havdalah, Beautiful and Unifying”

Havdalah is a special service which we do at the conclusion of Shabbat. It is a special service that when performed with any group, larger or small, is particularly joyous and spiritually uplifting. In my article this month I am providing an explanation of this ritual which I edited from a series of web sites, not in my own words. These are the facts and we should all know them. Although it is not difficult to perform, I would love to have the honor of teaching you how you can bring this glorious custom into your lives.

Most members of our congregation recognize Shabbat in some way. You may gather for a family dinner or you may attend services on Friday night or Saturday. Tough some do not observe Shabbat traditionally, you may light candles and feel that you are on your way to a deeper understanding of our traditions. Yet, whatever you do or don't do, you KNOW that it is Shabbat.

Why are people so happy at Havdalah? I think there is a sense of completion and accomplishment. Havdalah is spiritually fulfilling, you can gain a sense of appreciation for all of our gifts and the gift of Shabbat in particular. You've rested; switched gears from your daily routine and you're better prepared to meet the word, on your own terms, enriched with the experience of Shabbat.

Havdalah and the special candle, symbolize bringing together the many “strands” of one unified Jewish people. The candle is braided and has at least two wicks. The braiding symbolizes the unity found at the end of the Sabbath wicks burn together one flame.

During the coming weeks and months we are going to create more special opportunities for you to partake in this beautiful ritual. We will have story time for families, play and pray in our gym for various age groups, interesting study sessions with Rabbi Walkoff and singing with me, your happy, joyful cantor.

Please take a little time to read on and you will begin to have a better understanding of Havdalah, a beautiful and unifying ritual.

Worship the Lord in gladness; come before God with joyous song.

Yours truly,

Cantor Bruce Rockman

“In Judaism the concept of making distinctions and separations permeates many facets of religious life. We distinguish between holy time and mundane, or ordinary, time. We declare certain books to be holy and distinguish them in the way we study and treat them, from books which are mundane. We treat holy spaces with particular reverence. The Torah teaches that God created the world by making distinctions, first between light and darkness, next between water and empty space, finally between earth and water. We, too, make distinctions in our lives, and primary among them is the distinction between sacred time and ordinary time. To mark the beginning of sacred time, we light two candles and recite a berakhah (blessing) which praises God who commanded us to kindle the lights in celebration of the occasion. We mark the end of that sacred time period with a ceremony called Havdalah, which means “separation.” It, too, begins with light, as we kindle a braided candle. The most common time to perform the ceremony of Havdalah is weekly at

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Ruth Anne Koenick

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were having and because I was a bit hungry and still, no one spoke to me until the Rabbi passed by me as I was walking out the door. Our brief conversation took no more than 30 seconds.

About two years ago, I was out of town at a conference during Purim and wanted to say Kaddish for my father so I walked to the closest synagogue, one I knew fairly well as my grandfather is buried in that cemetery and I had family who were long time members. The sanctuary seats over 1300 people and the rumor was they had the best Purim shpeil in town. I was early so I chatted with everyone sitting around me and was introduced to the Executive Director who knew my family. After what clearly was the funniest Purim shpeil I'd ever seen, I introduced myself to the Rabbi and Cantor, told them I was visiting and how much I enjoyed the night and that I would return in the morning as I had yartzeit for my father.

The next morning I arrived early, went into the beit midrash and was met with silence, not a person spoke to me, asked what brought me to that shul, nor offered an honor. At the Kiddush, again no one spoke to me.

So, why do I write about these two events? There are many comparisons I could make about different synagogues but as we seek through our new marketing committee, to gain a better understanding of why people join, why they stay and what will attract new members, these two experiences resonate with me. When the Rabbi Search committee completed the form for posting with the Rabbinical Assembly, we noted that we saw ourselves as a warm and welcoming shul and community. We were told that every shul thinks they are warm and welcoming and my response was that we really are that way. I see evidence of that every Shabbat morning starting with my first time at Shabbat services in 1998 when Molly and I were barely sitting and Elliott offered us the honor of opening the ark, or when at the kiddush, Judy Roller and Nancy Danto (among others) raced over to welcome us. I see it as I sit on the bima and guests are always offered an honor of some type and someone lets me know that there is a new person sitting in a particular seat so that I make sure to find them during the Kiddush, not because they may be a prospective member but because welcoming people is the right thing to do.

I was always taught, as many of you were, that when you are a stranger in town, go to the closest shul and you will no longer be a stranger. Welcoming people to our home is one of the ways we define ourselves to others and something that needs to continue as it is one of our strengths. So, the next time you see someone you don't know, welcome them to our community, let them know they are no longer a stranger but an important part of B'nai Tikvah.

B'Shalom,

Ruth Anne

From The Webmaster

WHERE CAN I FIND IT WHY DIDN'T I KNOW

If there's a document, guideline, or written policy that you think should be made available to the congregation, chances are very good it's already on our website but, perhaps you can't find it because it's not properly linked or indexed. At the top of the Blue Index on the left, there is a "Google Search". Just type one or two words to describe what you need and click the "GO" button.

If you still can't find it, let the Webmaster@BnaiTikvah.org know.

SAY THAT AGAIN?

The above article was reprinted in part from the December 2002 issue of Hakol. Why? Because in spite of the progress made in the last five years with cascading menus, the addition of a site map, and greater content, it's still hard for some to find what they're looking for. But, that's going to change. There's a new "Marketing" committee at B'nai Tikvah, chaired by Cindy Gittleman, whose goal is to increase awareness of what B'nai Tikvah has to offer to both its members and in the way of outreach to the community. With our magnificent infrastructure of clergy, staff, and volunteers, there deserves to be an equally impressive image to present to the community. One of the focuses of the Marketing Committee is a dedication to bring the website up-to-date with what we have to offer. New technologies are being considered but, more important is your feedback. We need to know how the website can better serve our image and the needs of our members.

Gary Bergman
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*If you like what you see, tell your friends.
If you see room for improvement, tell us.*

The American Jewish Committee donated \$5,000 from its Robert and Harriet Heilbrunn Humanitarian Relief Fund to help repair hundreds of extensively damaged headstones in the Poile Zedek cemetery.

ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW

Joogle

By: Aaron Rosloff

I'm no Hemingway, so when I sit down to write I sometimes wind up just staring at a blank sheet of paper till I get an idea. This idea came to me one Saturday morning that I recalled sitting through a recent Torah reading. I have struggled with Hebrew since I was 6 years old, so when the Torah is being read in archaic Hebrew, I read the parsha in English, including all of the commentaries.

There is a common argument that one does not have to believe in God to be a moral person. My Israeli grandson's father-in-law, typical of many secular Israelis says that he is ready to accept any decent person as a Jew, with or without conversion. My response is, "How do you define or establish the norms for 'decent', or 'good'?" Is the neighbor who doesn't play his radio too loud in the same category as the one who reads to a blind soldier? Is the man who keeps his lawn neat the same as on who volunteers for Meals-on-Wheels?

True enough, there are many, or at least a large proportion of our population that do not have any strong feelings one way or another about religion. And there are a hundred shades or more of religious feelings ranging from violently anti-religion to super religious in every denomination. But every western civilization has its legal and moral roots in the Bible.

Who invented the six day work week? The Bible says it was God. In pre-biblical times every day was a work day. 'Whadya mean give the servants a day off every week? Are you crazy?' Some people still think it's a waste of money to give people too much free time.

The story of Ruth talks about leaving the fallen

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On the Bar Mitzvah of their son Samuel

Ben and Linda Gottesman
On the Bar Mitzvah of their son Evan

B'NAI TIKVAH GOES TO BARNES & NOBLE

As I mentioned in last month's column, one of our goals is to "bring the inside out" – to encourage people outside of our B'nai Tikvah family to become acquainted with our professionals, our lay leaders, and our excellent programs in a variety of venues.


Following on the success of our first lecture by Rabbi Wolkoff at Barnes & Noble in January, we will hold more events at that location in February. **On February 24, 2008**, the JCC of North and South Brunswick Nursery School – under the leadership of our wonderful Director, Phyllis Denenberg – will sponsor an all-day bookfair at Barnes & Noble on Rte. 1 South in North Brunswick. In this Hakol you will find a voucher that can be reproduced and distributed to friends, neighbors and co-workers. By using this voucher on 2/24, a portion of the proceeds from that day's sales at B&N will benefit our Nursery School. The vouchers will also be sent by email so that they can be printed off your computer and forwarded to everyone on your list.

Two other events on February 24 at Barnes & Noble: 1) at 1 p.m., our Nursery will be creating personalized bookmarks, followed by a special appearance at 2 p.m. of Maisy, a very loveable mouse! Parents are encouraged to bring their cameras; and 2) Rabbi Wolkoff's lecture and discussion on **Parenting As A Spiritual Journey: Deepening Ordinary and Extraordinary Events Into Sacred Occasions**, by Rabbi Nancy Fuchs-Kreimer. The lecture will begin at 7 p.m.; however Rabbi Wolkoff will be available in the store beginning at 6 p.m. that evening with advice on purchasing Jewish books.


We hope to see you during the day and evening as we share our spirit with the greater community!

Allison Nagelberg
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A word from the College Connection Committee:

Thank you to those of you who supplied campus addresses to us. Your college student has received a Chanukah package from us which included gelt (both real and chocolate) a dreidel, munchies and a lovely note from the Rabbi. I want to thank Mark Jiorle, Andrea Katz and Lisa Suttner for their help, and a special thank you to Jeff Schwartz for his generous donation of boxes and packing tape.

For those of you who did not enroll their student.... **IT'S NEVER TOO LATE.** Please use the form available online, or feel free to email me at bossfan78@comcast.net.

We are planning more events and correspondence in the months to come; don't miss out.

Bonnie Eisenberg

Special THANK YOU LUNCHEON

Saturday February 23rd

It's time we said thank you to the leaders of our daily minyanim. If you or someone you know had to say Kaddish over the past few years you knew you could go to B'nai Tikvah – there was always someone there to lead the davening. What a nice way to say thank you.

Our minyan leaders are; Jeff Schwartz (Sunday Night), Irwin Millinger (Monday night), Barry Safeer (Tuesday night), Gary Ehrlich (Wed. night) and Cantor Rockman (Thursday night).

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Cemetery Desecration

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In that vein, we have established a fund for the repair and restoration of the cemetery.

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A new weekly beginners group will meet at the Bnai Tikvah gym every Wednesday at 7PM starting on March 26th.

The group is open to everyone in the community. Every age, gender, religion... every person is welcome. If you can walk, you can dance! And to keep it fun I will include circle, line and partner dances, all depending on attendance.

Help spread the word and plan to attend with family and friends. Together we can create a dancing community where we can meet new people and get out of the house for some fun exercise.

For more details contact:

Nurit Brown at 732-297-0594 or
nuritbrown@yahoo.com

CONGREGATION EVENTS & INFORMATION

A Big Day For Blood Donors & Giant Fans!

While preparing for our Winter Blood Donor Drive at the synagogue, Rabbi Wolkoff stopped by, danish in hand, for a chat...and wished us a successful drive.

We of course responded with, "From your mouth to God's ear". And this time it worked like a charm.

Forty-four donors dropped in, and we collected forty-one pints of very much needed blood.

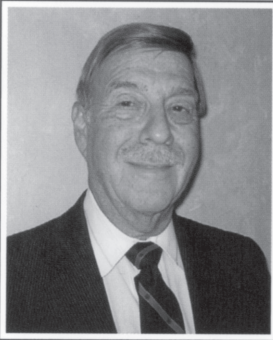
We want to thank our band of helpers: Shirley Engel; Andy Ross; Aaron Rosloff: Mort & Althea Wurmbrand...good job, gang! And the Giants won in Dallas!!

8 Ball Corner Pocket

Two eager pool/billiards players hoping to get others at B'nai Tikvah to start a group to meet socially for a few hours once a month.

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the beginning of the morning, Shacharit service.

The Shaliach Tzibbur chooses the appropriate "nusach" (melody) for the particular service he or she is leading and refers to the "luach" (calendar) to know whether any special prayers are added or omitted from the service on a particular day. It is the "minhag" (custom) at Bnai Tikvah that on Shabbat morning for the Shacharit service, on the High Holidays, and on many other holidays, after the silent Amidah the Shaliach Tzibbur leads the congregation in the repetition of the Amidah so that those who are unable to pray individually may say "amen" to each "b'racha".

There are two ways each of us in the community can become a Shaliach Tzibbur:

A) If you know how to lead a service or part of a service and you would be willing to "sub" for one of our regular minyan leaders or to become a regular minyan leader, please contact;

Marci Oslick:
908-874-0959, marcioslick@yahoo.com or
Elliott Danto:
732-297-6175, lamEll@comcast.net

B) Even if you don't yet know how to or are uncomfortable with being a minyan leader, you can be a Shaliach Tzibbur by being part of the minyan, the quorum, that allows us to pray as a community, thus making it possible for the congregation to recite certain prayers and for those in mourning or observing yahrtzeit to say kaddish. This may be as great a mitzvah as standing in front of the congregation.

Please join Congregation Bnai Tikvah in honoring our regular lay Shelichei Tzibbur at the Shabbat Luncheon February 23rd after Shabbat morning services.

If there is any ritual item or activity that you would like to know more about, please sent your question to hakol.cbt@gmail.com and a member of the ritual committee will answer you, in this column.

CONGREGATION EVENTS & INFORMATION

Joogle

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sheaves of grain in the corners of the field for the poor to pick up. The Bible flat out says that we must feed the poor and protect the widow, the orphan and the sick. That's not to say that non-religious people do not care for others, but the guidelines are rooted in religious demands.

The template for modern law and order stems from Jewish, i.e. biblical demands for ethical behavior and carry over into family responsibility. "He who does not teach his son (how about daughter?) a trade teaches him to be a thief." Today that translates into providing an education for your children without which one cannot find entry into a career nowadays. Which may be one of the reasons we Jews are called "the People of the Book".

Of course the way things are going, we may soon be called "the People of Joogle". But that's another story.

SSDSRV Welcomes Students Grades 2-6

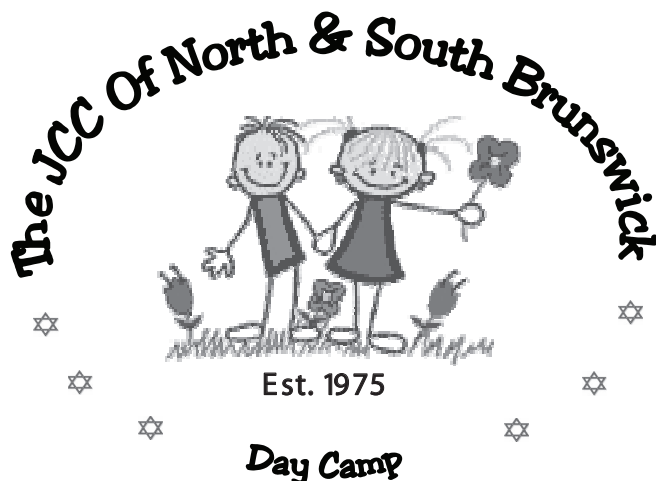
Solomon Schechter Day School of Raritan Valley has established an innovative program for students in Grades 2-6, whose families are seeking an outstanding Jewish and general studies education for them, but did not enroll their children in day school in Kindergarten or First grade.

We are creating special Jewish studies programs for new students who will be fully integrated into our general studies program at their grade level. Mavo is the Jewish studies program for Grades 2-4 and Sha'ar is the program for Grades 5 & 6. There is no extra charge for these special programs.

SSDSRV features state of the art technology, new labs that emphasize math and reading, enrichment programs in mathematics and science, co-ed classes and high standardized test scores. Our school stresses learning Jewish values through living them. Bible, Hebrew, Rabbinics and Israel are foundational studies.

If your child is an outstanding student and is entering Grades 2-6 in September, this is the place for you. Financial aide and subsidized transportation are available.

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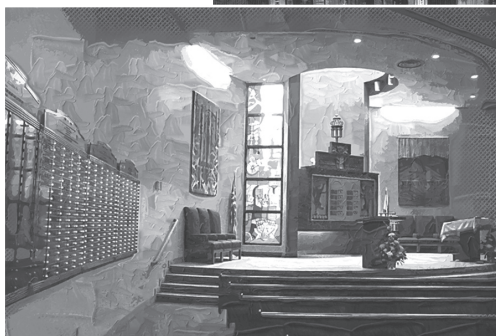
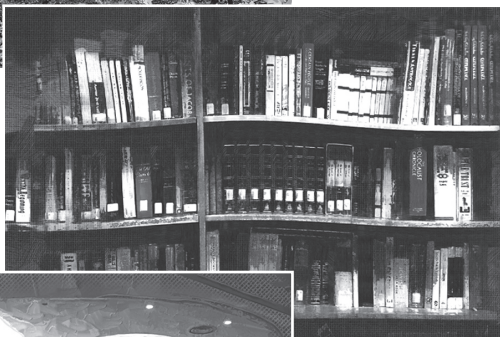
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(www.canalphotos.org).

Please contact Ruth Shindler



at 732-238-6893 or

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The Israelis are Coming! The Israelis are Coming!

This Passover, our congregation will again be host to a delegation of teens from the town of Ramla in Israel. Ten students and one chaperone will stay with host families in our congregation. We are now in the sixth year of the program and are looking forward to making new friendships and renewing old ones. Since its inception, over one hundred Israeli teens have had their horizons broadened by their visit to the United States, and over twenty host families have had the enriching experience of having their kids interact with our visitors.

We have an exciting itinerary planned for their arrival. They will arrive in New Jersey on Sunday, April 13th. Their whirl wind tour of our area will include a visit to Ellis Island, the Statue of Liberty, Empire State Building, a guided tour in Hebrew of the United Nations, Times Square, Shopping excursions, and Great Adventure. We also have a number of after school events scheduled that will allow them to interact and reinforce their new friendships with our teens. The Israelis will attend a USY program, Shabbat services, and a group Shabbat dinner and other events with our kids. Of course, they will participate in the Seders of their host families.

This program continues to send Israel a strong message of support. The families of our guests and the Ramla's leaders have told us how much they appreciate our congregation for the wonderful experiences we gave their children and for putting our words into action. A permanent fund was established by the Board of Trustees to ensure that this program can continue each year. That fund does not receive any money from the Synagogue budget. It is financed by donations from individual members who recognize the value of this worthwhile program. This year I am again asking for your support. Please send your check to the Synagogue office marked for the Israel Youth Exchange Fund. If you have any questions about the program or would like to become involved, just give me a call. Thank you again for caring.

Alan Kane
732-418-1913

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS Ann Kanarek, Director

FAMILY EDUCATION

During the winter and early spring months, most families with students in the religious school will be invited to attend school with their children for our grade level **PACT** programs. For some parents these programs are annual affairs, for others new to B'nai Tikvah, they are something never experienced before. The name **PACT** (Parent and Child Together), is an indication that the program allows for families to **DO SOMETHING TOGETHER**.

Since the advent of family education in congregational religious schools, this kind of programming has become an integral part of our curriculum. Through family experiences, whether learning a new song, engaging in discussion, doing an art project or dramatic production, the goal of transmitting some aspect of Judaism in a meaningful manner to the whole family is realized.

We hope that participating in these programs will inspire families to take the opportunity to do more together Jewishly. Please join us when your child's class is scheduled for its PACT program. Come on time, be prepared to participate and to learn and have a wonderful time while doing so.

PASSOVER CANDY IS NOW ON SALE

It's not too early to start thinking Passover. Check our website and your children's book bag for a **BARTON'S PASSOVER CANDY SALE FORM**. Our candy sale will begin on February 27. 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. Your support of the candy sale will go to future extracurricular and school enrichment programs.

The sale will end March 19.

Many thanks for your support!

PLEASE NOTE: This is not just a school function; everyone can participate.

If you prefer not having candy in your home, in lieu of purchasing a box or two, you can make a donation to the religious school. Thank you.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REMINDERS:

Friday, Feb. 1:

Gimel class Shabbat dinner,
6:30pm and service, 8:00pm

Sunday, February 3:

JET (Jewish Activities Together) for DALET parents
HEI CLASS World-Wide-Wrap Program

Sunday, February 10:

JET activity for ALEF parents
Bet, Gimel & Dalet classes: special program with
Israeli lieutenant, Amit Shuker
Chai School special program

Tuesday, February 12:

Parent-Teacher Conferences, 6:30pm-8:00pm

Sunday, February 17:

NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, President's Weekend

Sunday, February 20:

Parent-Teacher Conferences, 6:30pm-8:00pm

Sunday, February 24:

Gimel Class PACT Program:
Tzedakah and the Giraffe Connection, 10:00am
Chai School special program with
guest artist, Avi Zukerman, 10am

Sunday, March 2:

Dalet Class PACT Program:
The Bridges of Mitzvot County, 10:00am

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NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS PHYLLIS DENENBERG, DIRECTOR

Welcome back from winter break!

Registration for school 2008-2009 and Day Camp for this summer has started!

Check out our website for Early Bird Specials!!

www.bnaitikvah.org/nursery.html

NEW for 2008-2009! Pre-K plus! Children are eligible for this program if they have missed the cutoff for kindergarten in their township or will benefit from an additional year of social and emotional development before kindergarten. Please contact me to discuss your child's circumstances and eligibility. All children must have attended the Pre-K program at the JCC or another pre-school before enrolling in the Pre-K Plus program.

We welcome half day kindergarteners who would like to enroll in our afternoon enrichments and take advantage of our late stay (if needed).

Our extended hours as of camp this summer will be from **7:30 AM** until **6:00 PM** to accommodate working parents

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 are some spots left in the **Toddler Fun Club**, our child/parent separation program for 2 ½ yr. olds. It takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays with optional Fridays. The class lasts for 1 ½ hours. During this time period, parents relax in the building with other parents whose children are in the Toddler Fun Club.

Starting this month, our conversational Hebrew program for the 3's and 4's (Chalav U'Dvash) will take place every Wednesday morning for a half hour in place of Dance.

We are very excited about this class. Mrs. Noah, our 2 ½, 3's and Jewish Enrichment teacher will be teaching.

There will be no school, Monday, February 18th due to President's Day.

Remember to attend the Rabbi's parenting class on Wednesday, February 20th.

On Thursday, February 21st, formal pictures will

be taken of the 2 ½'s and Toddler Fun Club. If any family would like to come at that time for their picture to be taken, please contact me.

Sunday, February 24th our school will participate in a Bnai Tikvah program at Barnes and Noble between 1:00 and 2:00 PM. Children can come and make JCC bookmarks!

Monday, February 25th will be our annual "Healthy Breakfast". Each class will be served a nourishing breakfast consisting of milk, cereal, fruit and orange juice.

Until next month...

Phyllis

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- Israel Pilgrimage/ Poland Seminar
- Spain/ Israel Pilgrimage
- Etgar! Outdoor Adventure Israel

Ask our USY Board members about these trips too. Many of our Board members have been on these trips.

The following scholarships are available through the Hagalil region based on financial need and involvement in USY.

USY Summer Program Tikun Olam Scholarship

The North Jersey Region of Federation of Jewish Men's Club USY on Wheels Scholarship

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Attention all synagogue members! PARENT DATE NIGHT!

March 8th, from 5:45 P.M. until 10 P.M. USY will be babysitting your children ages 5-10.

Classrooms and the gym will be filled with tons of fun-filled activities for your kids to enjoy while you go out and enjoy yourself

\$20 per child, and \$10 for any additional child. We'd love to see your child there!

RSVP to Jordana, the advisor, if your child will attend. Jorde1174@aol.com or (732) 422-7457

Rebecca Eisenberg, USY SAVTO Vice President

B'NAI TIKVAH YOUTH

Save The Dates . . .

Parents Date Night / Kids Night Out

To all synagogue members save the date 3/8, USY will be having Kids Night Out in the Gym from 5:45 until 10 p.m. for ages 5-10 yrs old. RSVP if your child will be attending. The cost is \$20 per child & \$10 for any additional children in the family.

Ice Skating

Please save the date March 2, Kadima & USY Joint Ice Skating at Princeton Sports Center, 1000 Cornwall Road, Monmouth Junction <http://www.princetonSportscenter.com> Cost \$9.

KADIMA

Kadima went to Feed The Children in North Brunswick & packed 400 boxes! Thanks for those who attended & for the parents support in helping also. Congratulations to Lana Gerstein, Jesse Nagelberg, Matt Juro, & Jason Shindler for attending so far 10 events this year either Chapter or Regional & winning a gift card!

Feb. 3 – Joint Ice Skating w/ all local Hagalil Chapters at Old Bridge Ice Skating Rink, 1 Old Bridge Plaza from 2-4 p.m. The cost is \$10. RSVP by 1/31.

February 21 – BINGO and Pizza in the Youth Lounge w/ EBJC from 6:30-8:00 pm. Cost \$5. RSVP by 2/17.

February 23 – Regional Dance in Morristown from 8:00-11:00 pm. The Cost is \$5. Hawaiian attire requested. RSVP by 2/17 to reserve a space on the bus.

Contact me with questions or concerns throughout the year!

We are always welcoming new members to Kadima & USY, please join us for an event in the Synagogue. Applications are available on;

<http://bnaitikvah.com/youth.html>.

*Jordana Andersen (732) 422-7457
Jorde1174@aol.com*

Bus Trip to The Jewish Museum



Thanks to Rabbi Wolkoff for a wonderful day in New York City at the Jewish Museum with Kadima & USY!

U.S.Y.

Congratulations to our USY Chapter for winning two awards at International Convention for the Tikun Olam Program for contribution of over \$1000 & also over \$30 per capita.

Feb. 4 – USY Chill Night in the Youth Lounge from 7:30-9 p.m. Play Air Hockey, the Jukebox (new music added), bring your favorite game or just chill & hang w/ your friends. The event was requested by many.

February 8-10 Regional Midwinter Kinnus in Teaneck. Dance on Saturday is open to members not going to the Shabbaton. RSVP by 2/3 to reserve a space on the bus.

February 25 - Israeli Night in the Youth Lounge from 7:30-9:00 pm.

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B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY



SISTERHOOD

COMING ATTRACTIONS

- February 23; Sisterhood Shabbat - Havdallah Service & Light Dinner
- February 24; Kiddush Cup Workshop
- March 23; Passover wine sale & tasting during Purim Carnival
- March 23; Mishloach Manot distribution
- March 30; Sisterhood General Meeting – details to be announced

SHABBAT-HAVDALAH SERVICE & DINNER

Sisterhood Shabbat-Havdalah Service and Dinner is February 23rd beginning at 4:30. All are welcome to attend. Please contact Joyce Gerbman at (732) 937-5114 or at Gerbsfam@aol.com if you are interested in participating in the service.

We will also be dedicating an Eshet Chayal (Woman of Valor) plaque in memory of Suse Rosenstock along with a special presentation of the Sisterhood Past-presidents plaque. Both plaques will be displayed prominently in the lobby.

KIDDUSH CUP WORKSHOP Sisterhood will be hosting a Kiddush Cup workshop on February 24 at 10 AM. Please join us when artist Avi Zuckerman will teach us how to etch our own Kiddush cups. Free to Sisterhood members; Fee for non-members is \$10. RSVP by February 18th to Bobbi Binder at eemaof3@comcast.net is a must as the artist brings a specific amount of cups! Wear old clothes, you may get dirty.

RESERVE YOUR SEAT NOW!! Susie Fishbein, author of several kosher cookbooks including "The Kosher Palette" and "Kosher by Design, Short on Time," will be here on May 21 giving a cooking demonstration and tasting. Only 50 tickets will be sold, and they are already going fast. PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE! Contact Stacey Rockman at (732) 422-0963 or erlichchick@yahoo.com to reserve your seat. Check the Judaica Gift Shop to purchase the cookbooks, including the new Kosher By Design-Passover cookbook which will be in the Judaica Gift Shop in March.

MITZVAH BASKETS Having a B'nai Mitzvah or other simcha? Let Sisterhood decorate the bima with two non-perishable food baskets that match your color scheme! We also deliver the baskets for use at other synagogues! For more info or to order your bima baskets, please contact Andrea at (732) 329-0687.

MISHLOACH MANOT Send Purim greetings to your family and friends the quick, easy way. Mishloach Manot order forms have been mailed. We even have a sugar-free basket option for the first time! Please get your orders in by February 15th.

SOCIAL ACTION We are collecting packages of cookies to be donated to the Trenton area soup kitchen. Thank you, in advance, for your donations.

MEMBERSHIP Sisterhood is still accepting members! It's not too late to join and be part of a fantastic group of women!

A FEW WORDS ABOUT HANNUKAH

Sisterhood, along with Jewish Family Vocational Services, provided needy families with applesauce, latka mix, dreidels, chocolate gelt and apple/grape juices. Gift cards from Target, Barnes & Noble, Toys R Us and Walmart were distributed so that they could purchase items that would help bring happiness to their Hannukah.

Sisterhood also shipped Hannukah packages overseas to our troops who have an affiliation with B'nai Tikvah. Items included were Hannukah cookies, gelt, candy, dreidels, candles, drink mix and phone cards. We hope these packages brought a little bit of home to our troops during Hannukah.. Sisterhood would like to thank all those that participated in these programs.

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MEN'S CLUB

Sunday, Feb. 3rd, 10:00 AM

World Wide Wrap Program

Presenter – Rabbi Wolkoff

Tfillen Program for Religious School
Sponsored by our Men's Club

Sunday, March 9th, 10:00 AM

Monthly Meeting

Presenter – Howard Waksman, MD

Middlesex Thoracic Medical Group

Sunday, April 13th, 10:00 AM

Monthly Meeting

Presenter – H. Howard Goldstein, MD

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All monthly meetings include our traditional breakfast buffet consisting of bagels and lox, etc. There is a \$4 charge for the breakfast. Our meetings are always open to anyone. Please remember to RSVP as soon as possible. RSVP's insure that the food to be purchased will be adequate for those who do show up.

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SOCIAL ACTION

THE CLOTHES LINE

Winter has arrived, and there are those in our area who do not have clothing to keep them sufficiently warm in the harsh weather.

Our shul will once again be working with *The Clothes Line* to collect, sort and distribute clothing to the needy in the month of February.

Please set aside clothing for all ages, particularly coats, gloves, boots, work boots for men, jeans, hooded sweatshirts and blankets. Bag them neatly and place them outside the office beginning Sunday February 3rd.

Volunteers are needed to bring the bags home for a few weeks until they will be sorted at Bnai Tikvah.

Contact Laura Waksman at laurawaksman@gmail.com to volunteer.

A HUGE THANK YOU...NEEDY FAMILY PROGRAM A SUCCESS

Blankets, pillows, boots, winter coats, socks, and heaters, are just a few of the items purchased for six needy families by our generous congregants. "We will be warm this winter," one mother responded in awe as she saw the gifts delivered to her home. Because of your great efforts, time and expense six needy families (38 people!) had a happy holiday and will begin the New Year with many of the basic resources most of us take for granted. The families were overwhelmed with our generosity. Children from these families wore their new clothes with pride and joy to school.

Thanks to all those who donated money to this program. Please know that every penny was used toward needed purchases for these families. To those who sponsored a child or an adult and bought, wrapped and delivered the gifts to my house, thank you for your time, efforts and expense. To the family coordinators, this program would not be as successful without you. Many of you have been with this program since its inception. It takes a lot of time, expense, and patience to be a coordinator and I can't thank

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ADULT ED

Next Meeting:
Thursday, February 14, 8:00 PM

Our next Adult Education program to be held on Thursday, February 14, at 8:00 pm after minyan will be a lecture on

"Bene Israel, the Jews of India",
 given by: Dr. Johannes Corley,
 Professor at Rutgers University.

Professor Corley will share the customs, observances and traditions of Bene Israel, which is little known in America. Please join us for this event...I'm sure it will be a very interesting evening!

Shalom,
Rees Klemish

50plus


Next Meeting:
Tuesday, February 26, 1:00 PM

The Fifty Plus Group will meet on Tuesday, February 26, at 1 p.m. in the Social Hall of the Synagogue for an afternoon of Bingo, prizes, surprises, and refreshments.

Bring your friends and prospective members. Non-Bingo players are invited to bring your favorite card or table games.

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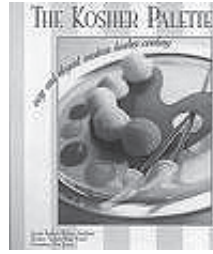
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Aren't new babies so cute, so cuddly? Well, we members of the Supermarket Gift Cards (SGC) committee proudly announce the arrival of our new "baby" - **Whole Foods!** We are so excited to see our "family" growing by one. Our older family members (i.e., **A&P, Acme, Pathmark, Shop Rite and Stop & Shop**) are so happy about their newest relative. Next time you stop by our table at Congregation B'nai Tikvah (CBT), we will proudly show off pictures of baby **Whole Foods!**

Seriously, Whole Foods gift cards have been added to our repertoire of participating supermarkets. Unlike the other stores, however, purchasing these gift cards will slightly vary from the traditional methods which are:

- stopping by the SGC committee table during Sunday religious school hours;
- visiting CBT during regular office hours;
- filling out the form on line at bnaitikvah.org;
- contacting one of the following committee people:

Rachel Shaneson: (732) 329-2189
 Jay Scheuer: (732) 940-8473
 Ann Rosenzweig: (732) 249-9141
 Bobby Bergman: (732) 246-7285

We are initially establishing the following procedures for buying **Whole Foods** gift cards:

- contact Rachel Shaneson at the above listed telephone number to express your interest;
- she will discuss this program, including the fact that there is a 2 week turnaround until you receive your requested amount(s);
- only acceptable payments are cash or checks, no credit cards.

Approximately \$2000 had been sold during the first month; not bad considering that this is the first publicity for **Whole Foods** gift cards.

As always we members of the SGC committee



will gladly continue providing you with excellent customer service. Remember, if you can't get to us, we will be happy to deliver your SGC orders to you.

This month's tip: February may be the shortest calendar month, but it is possibly the longest when it comes to weather conditions as well as our patience levels. Therefore, don't get caught short with certain items that could and should be on your shelves. These include: coffee, tea, hot chocolate, soups, crackers, pasta, sauces and even toilet paper – just to name a few. Purchase these items with SGCs from the above listed stores.

Subtip: If you can purchase doubles, please do. You know the old saying: "One for me...one for my town's food pantry..." Just because you're cold, so are those who always need tzedukah.

Alright, CBTers – be happy, keep warm, keep the faith.

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you enough. A very special thanks goes to Jennifer Shapiro. Jennifer was invaluable. She practically lived at my house the last week of the program in order to get everything ready for the families. Jennifer, thank you for your support and commitment to this program.

B'nai Tikvah is a generous community and I feel lucky to be part of it. I wish you all a year full of health, peace and contentment.

Janice Baer

We wish to thank the following volunteers for making January birthday calls:

Madeline Gaynor
Bill Greenberg
Mike Ketofsky
Jeri Roller
Mae Rubinstein
Janet Szpiro

DONATIONS December 15 through January 14

The following are Contributions to our B'nai Tikvah Funds:

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Craig Botnick,
in memory of his beloved father
Lucille Sondike,
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Molly Landsman & Isadore Landsman
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in memory of Eileen Lepinsky

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in memory of Yetta Kadin

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in memory of Harold Garten

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Bette & Steve Koffler,
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Nancy & Paul Zankel,
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Cantor's Discretionary Fund:
Elaine & Alvin Brackup, in honor of Sylvia
& Erwin Lewis's 55th wedding anniversary
Ruth Anne Koenick, Paul & Molly Herman,
in honor of Marc Dillman reading Torah

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Frances & Norman Shapiro

Marcia & Jeff Schwartz,
in loving memory of Jack Mailman

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General Donation:
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Aaron Rosloff,
in memory of Sylvia Schachter

Ruth Anne Koenick,
in honor of all our "Volunteers"

Sandra & Seymour Levine

Amy Feinman-Behar Memorial Fund:

L'Dor VaDor Concert Fund:

Governor Corzine signed into law the Iran Divestment bill which prohibits New Jersey's pension funds from investing in stock in international companies that do business with entities involved in Iran's defense, nuclear, natural gas or petroleum sectors

Havdalah, Beautiful and Unifying . . .

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the end of Shabbat when three stars appear in the sky. Havdalah is also performed at the end of other festivals and holy days.

The primary symbols of Havdalah are the braided candle, kiddush cup containing wine, and spice box containing sweet-smelling spices. The lighted candle symbolizes the light of Shabbat and the strands of the braid have been interpreted as the many types of Jews in the world, all of whom are part of one unified people. The wine is, as always, a symbol of joy. We take one last sip of

the joy of Shabbat as we bid Shabbat goodbye for another week. Similarly, the sweet-smelling spices symbolize the sweetness of Shabbat, whose pleasant aroma we breathe in one last time that it might last us through the week to come until we can welcome Shabbat again. There is also a birchat havdalah which praises God for making distinctions, particularly the distinction between the holy and the mundane. The ceremony ends with singing Eliyahu HaNavi in the hopes that Elijah the Prophet will come to herald the messianic age when the world will become one long Shabbat. "

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Blanche Fruhling
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Family Shabbat Fund:

Jacob Weinglass, in honor of Barney Cohn's 90th birthday
Bette & Irwin Waldman, in honor of Barney Cohn's 90th birthday
Ruth Anne Koenick, Paul & Molly Herman, in honor of Barney Cohn's 90th birthday

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Men's Club:

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Leslie, Steven, Craig & Adam Dickert, in memory of Philip Forman

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Ritual Fund:

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