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Se'udah (Shabbat meal) & Study
Saturday, Oct. 11, 5:30 PM

Men's Club Sukkah Building
Sunday, Oct. 12, 9:00 AM

Hunan in the Hut
Monday, Oct. 13, 6:00 PM

Family Shabbat Dinner & Service
Friday, Oct. 17, 6:00 PM

Shabbat Lunch & Learn
Saturday, Oct. 18

Kadima - Pizza in the Hut
Sunday, Oct. 19, 5:00 PM

Men's Club Sukkah Take Down
Sunday, Oct. 26, 9:30 AM

BookFair at Barnes & Noble
Sunday, Oct. 26

Sisterhood Opening Meeting
Sunday, Oct. 26, 10:00 AM

Stamp Club Meeting
Monday, Oct. 27

50 Plus Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 28, 1:00 PM

Rabbi's Classes & Lectures
See website for listing & schedule

See Inside for Details On These and Many More Events

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High Holiday Service Times



Rosh Hashanah Eve,
Monday September 29
Service.....6:30 pm

Rosh Hashanah
Tuesday, September 30
Morning Service.....9:00 am
Tashlich.....5:30 pm
Evening Service.....6:30 pm

Wednesday, October 1
Morning Service.....9:00 am
Evening Service.....6:30 pm

Kol Nidre,
Wednesday, October 8
Service.....5:45 pm

Yom Kippur
Thursday, October 9
Morning Service & Yizkor....9:00 am
Mincha-Neilah/Ma'riv.....4:30 pm
Final Shofar blown.....7:25 pm
(ending fast)

Erev Sukkot
Monday, Oct. 13
Supper in the Sukkah 6:00 PM
Evening Service 7:30 PM

1st Day Sukkot
Tuesday, Oct. 14
Shake a Lulav & Etrog 9:30 AM
Mincha and Ma'ariv 6:30 PM

2nd Day Sukkot
Wednesday, Oct. 15 9:30 AM
Shake a Lulav & Etrog 9:30 AM
Mincha and Ma'ariv 6:30 PM

Erev Shemini Atzeret
Monday, Oct. 20 6:00 PM

Shemini Atzeret
Tuesday, Oct. 21 9:30 AM Yizkor

Erev Simchat Torah
Tuesday, Oct. 21 6:45 PM
dancing with the Torahs

Simchat Torah
Wednesday, Oct. 22 9:00 AM
light meal served

WORDS OF THE RABBI Rabbi Robert Wolkoff

Divine Wonders and Masterpieces Grace the Palace

The Baal Shem Tov, the 18th century spiritual master who founded the Chasidic movement, once recited the following parable. Two men went into the royal palace to see the king. At the entrance, though, they were informed that the king was not holding court that day. One left immediately, but the other asked permission to visit the palace, and view its beautiful paintings and works of art.

This, explained the Baal Shem Tov, is very similar to our relationship with G-d and the Torah. Within each of us is a seeker, someone who longs for contact with the Divine. We seek to enter the palace. But we experience that the Divine King is not holding court today. We have trouble finding our way in. We don't seem to have the facility to march right into the Divine King's chambers. Indeed, the fact that the Baal Shem Tov felt it necessary to tell this story to his followers seems to indicate that even back then, our ancestors had the same problems that we do. Or as the saying goes, "we're not as spiritual as we used to be, but then again, we never were!"

In any case, those who have immediate access to the Divine are few and far between. That's just the way things are. The crucial issue is, what do we do when we find our way to the Divine King blocked? Do we just walk away? All too often, the answer is yes. I know a camera buff who once showed me one of the new cameras that loads the film for you, adjusts the light for you, focuses the lens for you, adjusts the F-stop for you, and on and on. It wouldn't have surprised me if the thing could cook dinner for you. And my camera buff friend said, "If they can make cameras this easy, they could make Judaism this easy." And since they didn't (whoever "they" is), he had basically turned his back on our tradition.

But, of course, there's a difference. The camera with all the bells and whistles can do just about everything—except make you a great photographic artist. For that, you need inspiration. And inspiration comes from G-d. So, in other words, what Judaism has to offer begins where the camera's contribution ends.

But we'll never get to experience that inspiration if we just walk away

from the palace. We need to take advantage of those Divine wonders and masterpieces that grace the palace, even if we don't get to see the King himself. And in Judaism, those Divine wonders and masterpieces are found in the study of Torah and immersion in the richness of Jewish culture. At Bnai Tikvah, you can find all of this in abundance. And you will be able to enjoy the fellowship of other seekers like yourself.

Our tradition teaches us that when two sit together to study Torah, the Presence of G-d is with them—so who knows, you might just get a glimpse of the King himself after all!

Have a wonderful, sweet new year,

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OUR HAZZAN'S VOICE Cantor Bruce Rockman

“A Source of Pride and Enlightenment Part 2”

The Second Annual Ledor Vador Concert

Greg Wall and the Wandering Jews

Sunday, November 16th at 4PM

Last year I had the opportunity to stand back and watch as one of my dreams came true. For years I have wanted to produce a Jewish music concert, with music that I love. My dream is to be in a room filled with my friends and family, and we are all having a great time, because we are all thrilled by the music.

I dream big and with purpose, but more than anything else, all I really want is to bring people together and make them happier. I found out a few years ago that I can do this, if I express myself.

The Ledor Vador concert last year featuring Neshama Carlebach put me on cloud nine. For months I heard about how much joy the concert brought you and received countless thumbs up. The music was great and the recognition that B'nai Tikvah, my shul, received warmed my heart. I really felt that this event accomplished my first goal and expressed the affection we have for each other here at B'nai Tikvah.

A year has passed and that great feeling prevails, our new Rabbi and his family have become part of our family, musical programs and community activities continue to increase and prosper as our congregation grows. The Rejoice Festival was a most incredible day we at B'nai Tikvah, thanks to your spirit and the inspiration of our treasured friend Aaron Rosloff.

As I wrote last year to describe the purpose and the mission of LeDor Vador, The concert will celebrate our gratitude to our parents and inspire us to encourage our children to embrace our legacy, L'dor vador, form generation to generation. A Source of Pride and Enlightenment.

This year's featured artist is Greg Wall. You probably never heard of him. He is an amazing clarinet and saxophone player. I first met him when Stacey and I attended the wedding of friend and his simcha band provided the music. Stacey and I were beginning to plan our wedding and she said "I really want this band to play at our wedding!" The decision was made then and he was awesome (you can watch the cd, Bashe & Rafi watch it all the time). Over the years I have gotten to know Greg, we seen him perform with other artists including Neshama Carlebach and other events.

Greg is a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music, he has performed and recorded with The Wall/London Band, Neshama Carlebach, the Hi-Tops, Kenny Barron, the Cybernetic Saxophone Quartet, Miroslav Vitous, D. Sharpe, Bill Frisell, Billy Hart, Kolos, the Jazz Vultures, the Piamenta Band, Avantango, and has made many session appearances for record dates and film scores.

The program that will present is titled "Greg Wall & The Wandering Jews". The concert will present a variety of Jewish musicians backed by a New York studio musicians. There will be Israeli music, klezmer and Yiddish music as well as other international blends, including a Macedonian bazooka artist. This promises to be another inspired high energy concert at B'nai Tikvah.

Shortly you will be able to read all about the artists Noah Soloman, Rahel Musleah, Frank London, Adrienne Cooper and Greg Wall, at our synagogue website, in the meantime please contact me and I will be able to give you a link to each of these artists.

Just like last year, there will be many ticket options and this year we hope to host a catered family friendly dinner following the concert.

From generation to generation, L'dor Vador, we are connected to each other. Our generation, parents of children of all ages, is primed to transmit the



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	6:15 PM	Mincha/Maariv/Havdallah October 4th
		5:30 PM	October 11th Se'udah & Study
		6:00 PM	October 18th
		7:45 PM	October 25th

Babysitting available Shabbat morning 10:15 AM - 12:00 PM

HAKOL

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

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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.

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OUR HAZZAN'S VOICE Cantor Bruce Rockman

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lessons from our parents to our future generations. My dream is to have a continuing series of soaring artistic and intellectual events presented at and by B'nai Tikvah. The L'Dor VaDor, will be known as a series of concerts, lectures and other cultural events at our synagogue. These events will be open to the community at large and will express our aspirations for the future of B'nai Tikvah as leaders in the community. We must become a central location for important events, where fabulous music is heard and diverse voices enlighten the community, A Source of Pride and Enlightenment.

I hope that you will believe as I do in the importance of this very meaningful program. It is not only essential to me but critical in the way we insure our in future as a Jewish institution. We express our values through mitzvoth, we perform acts of loving kindness and tzedakah, charitable pursuits. Thanks to your generosity, it is our hope that we will be able to continue celebrating our legacy through The L'dor Vador Foundation. But it is not that simple, these must be sustaining programs, attended by many people and widely promoted. Last year over 400 people attended. To insure of future we need an endowment or some other financial instrument to support this vision. We have formed a committee to develop this project appropriately. For this vision to succeed and sustain, we will need other families to follow the example of the Teicher and Roller families. Admission to the programs will not bring in enough funds to compensate the artists. Our vision is to raise enough funds to sustain the activities of the foundation and are committed to offering more programs each year.

We thank God for all that we are and hope to become. Thank you for your constant support in all of our achievements. With great joy we will accomplish our purpose.

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From The Webmaster



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Check out the Adult Education section of our website, where you can view the upcoming schedule and listen to past sessions you may have missed.

Which brings us to.

Many of our web pages, such as "Adult Enrichment", which required updating for this year's events, have been composed with our new site template. Please have patience as we transition to this new format. We hope to have the entire site converted by the end of October.

There are more details involved in this effort than one can imagine. Please don't hesitate to let us know your comments regarding this revision, and what you think we can do to make it easier to find the things you're looking for.

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Some recent web pages now accepting PayPal:

bnaitikvah.org/lulavform.html (Lulav & Etrog orders)

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ANOTHER VIEWPOINT

Sweating it Out

The long term weather reports issued for sailors, said that rain and thunderstorms were predicted for Sunday, September 14th. All the work and time and out of pocket expenses of the members of the Rejoice 2008 committee would be for naught. The e-mails were flying back and forth among the committee day and night. How many vendors do we have as of today? Where should the stage be placed and at what angle? Do we have to feed the bands and other entertainers? Where did we store the t-shirts and where can we get the best price? How many acts should we engage and which ones should go first? How many volunteers do we need to help the police direct cars for parking? What if the food vendors' truck breaks down on the way to the event?

All of the hundreds of ifs that had to be planned for, and worst of all, what if it rains? Well, if it rains in the afternoon, it won't be so bad, but what if it rains in the morning? Some "ifs" can be dealt with, but rain does not lend itself to mitigation. All we can do is pray that it does not rain. In all of religious history people have prayed for rain, but now if our prayers were to be answered, it would be a day of no rain.

With this possible calamity in the back of our minds we had to plan ahead and ignore the consequences of adverse weather. Five days before the 14th it looked like a total washout. Thank goodness that we had purchased rain insurance. Rain insurance? Most folks have never heard of rain insurance. Rain insurance is intended to reimburse expenses lost because an event had to be cancelled due to inclement weather. The policy spells out exactly under what circumstances it would pay in case of loses. What if it rains only a little? What if it just looks like rain or rains just enough to scare off people, but not enough to stop the entertainment?

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A MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

Allison Nagelberg, VP Membership

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Jessica Scharf

Darren and Deborah Lazare
and their children, Daniel, Dylan and Devin

Joshua and Suzanne Oliver
and their son, Jeremy

Larry and Aimee Weber
and their son, Brandon

Robert and April Rosen
and their children Jake and Carly

Our Condolences to:

Arlene Cederbaum
on the passing of her father, Philip Dunayr

CORRECTION: The synagogue regrets and apologizes for a misprint in last month's issue of Hakol. It was our intention to offer condolences to the Naiburg family on the recent passing of David's brother Robert. The membership page mistakenly had the names reversed.

Again, we sincerely apologize for this misprint.

Mazel Tov to:

Beth Miller and Douglas Chin
on the birth of their daughter

Jeff and Jodi Woller
on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Andrew

Howard and Leslie Cohen
on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Adam

Barry and Berenice Levine
on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Cory

New Year, New Faces

We are thrilled to welcome so many new members to our congregation. As you read this membership page each month, you can see that our membership numbers are growing, including singles, couples and families with children of all ages. I hope that each of you will have an opportunity this holiday season, and as the year progresses, to introduce yourself to someone new, make a friend, help someone in our community feel welcome.

A huge thank you to all of those who staffed our table at REJOICE or just stopped by to say hello. You all add tremendously to the warmth that is the signature of Congregation B'nai Tikvah!

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SEUDAH SHLISHIT

The third of Shabbat's required three meals, held right before sunset, during the mystic time of Shabbat's waning

Congregation B'nai Tikvah is continuing the tradition of sharing an afternoon meal with our B'nai Tikvah community as we prepare to say goodbye to Shabbat.

If you would like to sponsor a *Seudah* or donate to the *Seudah Fund*, as well as attend on Saturday afternoons, please contact us at;

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Many of our new and returning families attended the annual Parent Reception and classroom orientation. The teachers appreciated meeting you and thank you for your support and encouragement.

SHALOM U'VRAHACHA.....

Greetings and Blessings to our New Students

Emma Becker, Rachel Becker, Maya Blackin, Emilee Botnick, Jacob Goodstein, Rachel Greenberg, Shea Krane, Zoie Kremer, Devin Lazare, Nina Mendes, Ilan Ostroff, Jake Rosen, Aaron Schurman, Emma Sherman, Nicole Tanner, Adam Taubenslag, Gabriel Waksman.

NEW TEACHERS

This Fall, we are delighted to welcome three new teachers to our staff:

Marlo Hirshon, Adena Santiago, Melissa Sellam and school assistant, Elizabeth Kazam

We are also happy to welcome back all of our other fine staff members:

Phyllis Edley, Rona Gershon, Gina Giuffre Michal Gordon, Sara Greenfest, Keren Kapoano, Linda Katz, Judith Luger, Sam Master, Ariella Prince, Carol Winter.

HACHNASAT TALMIDIM

A WELCOMING CEREMONY FOR OUR NEW STUDENTS

On Tuesday, October 21 at 6:30pm, our Congregation will be celebrating Simchat Torah, the occasion on which we celebrate the Torah and begin the yearly cycle of reading it anew. We will include Hachnasat Talmidim, a ceremony to welcome new students of all ages who are beginning their religious education at B'nai Tikvah. The Torah is renewed with each new generations of learners.

We will include all our new students in the Hachnasat Talmidim ceremony. We will honor our new students by calling them up to receive a special blessing of welcome. We hope that the congregation will make every effort to attend the service.

The sight of our children on the bimah makes the holidays more enjoyable for everyone. We look forward to seeing you there.

DID YOU HAVE FUN TODAY??

Often parents greet their children at the carpool door with the words, "Did you have fun today?"

But perhaps this is not the best question to ask. If our children come to religious school only to have fun, then the more compelling message – the importance of Judaism to our lives – becomes lost. So, although we want our houses of worship and the schools connected to them to be happy places, we must acknowledge to our children the realization that learning isn't always fun. Learning takes work, takes a commitment, takes practice, and requires encouragement. Our students must acquire skills to enable them to master another language. They must develop thinking skills to allow them to understand abstract concepts. These things take time and effort and concentration. It isn't always fun, but the end result– enjoyment in learning, a sense of achievement, and a connection to the millions of Jewish children past, present and future, who have done, and will do the same, is an even greater reward. So instead of asking, "Did you have fun today?" why not ask, "what did you learn today?" Your interest and your pride in your children's responses let them know how much you value their Jewish education.

With very best wishes from my family to yours, for a healthy, happy and sweet New Year!

L'Shanah Tovah Tikateyvu,

Ann

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REMINDERS:

Wednesday, October 1:

NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, October 5:

JET activity for Gimel parents

Wednesday, October 8:

NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, Erev Yom Kippur

Sunday, October 12:

JET activity for Alef parents

Chai special program:

"Common Ground," 10:40am

Tuesday, October 14:

NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, Sukkot, Day 1

Wednesday, October 15:

NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, Sukkot, Day 2

Sunday, October 19:

Sukkah visits

Tuesday, October 21:

NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, Shemini Atzeret

Welcome New Students

Ceremony and Reception, 6:30pm

Wednesday, October 22:

NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, Simchat Torah

Sunday, October 26:

ALEF PACT program:

The Crown of a Good Name, 10:00am

Tuesday, November 4:

NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, Election Day

Sunday, November 9:

NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, NJEA weekend

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS PHYLLIS DENENBERG, DIRECTOR

School Days

School has been going great. Adjustments to separation from parents have been made.

The sounds of the shofar could be heard in the hallways of our school last month. Most days in the month of Elul, Cantor Rockman blew the shofar for our school. He stood in the hallway and blew the shofar for all the students at once. The children learned that that the sound was calling us to get together to remind us of Rosh Hashannah, to try to be nice to each other and to say we are sorry.

Aromas of apple cakes and muffins made with honey filled the air. Apples were dipped in honey. New Year's cards were produced and good wishes for a Happy New Year were abound.

Our 3's and Pre-k's went by bus to Giamarese Farm in East Brunswick. There, they went on a hayride and picked apples for the New Year.

Rabbi Wolkoff joined us for Tashlich and we "threw away our sins."

This month, all classes will learn about the holiday of Sukkot. Decorations for the sukkah will be created and the brachot (blessings) on the lulav and etrog will be made. We hope to have snack in the sukkah whenever the weather permits. Flags and Torahs will be designed for Simchat Torah. The children will march with them up and down the halls!

Yoga with Miss Jul and soccer with Coach Spencer or Coach Eddie will alternate every week.

Our Music Together class on Mondays from 9:15-10:00 AM will continue (there a few spots left!!), however we need more families for our Sunday program (from 9:30-10:15) to take place.

Our first fundraiser for this year is Kidstuff coupon books. They are similar to the Entertainment books but these relate to children. They make a great gift. The cost is \$25.00 per book and are available in the school office and the gift shop.

We hope all of you who ordered the round challahs for Rosh Hashannah enjoyed them.

The Nursery school sells challahs all year round as a fundraiser. Challahs are delivered to the shul on Fridays. If you are interested in ordering, please contact the school office.

Our upcoming fundraisers include Innisbrook sales (wrapping paper and candy), and a Scholastic Book Fair.

The F.U.E.L. program (Families United for English Learning) that ran this summer was a success. We hope to start it again October 28th. It will run Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:00-1:00 PM. If you know anyone, (a friend, relative or neighbor) who does not speak English and has a child (age 2 ½-6) who may not speak English, please tell them about the program. If you or they have any questions, please have them contact me.

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KADIMA



Kadima had a great Opening Event, Pizza & Pool Party at the Nass' house w/ 26 attending out of 40 members. Thanks for hosting!

I forgot to mention in my last article, we had the highest attendance at Encampment this year 27 out of Chapter. Way to go B'nai Tikvah, something to be proud of.

Many families already know B'nai Tikvah is hosting the 8th Grade Shabbaton February 28-March 1. We are looking for Synagogue families to host Kadima kids. Anyone interested please contact Nadine Weg nainjersey@aol.com.

October 6 – BINGO & Ice Cream Social in the Youth Lounge from 7-8:30 pm w/ EBJC. The cost \$2. Prizes will be given. RSVP by 10/2!

October 12 – Regional Opening Event at Powerhouse Studios in East Hanover from 2-5 pm. Dress for a mess! The cost is \$15. RSVP by 10/5 to reserve a space on the bus.

October 19 – Pizza in the Hut w/ games from 5-6 pm. RSVP by 10/13.

November 3 – Movie Night at EBJC from 6:30-8:30.

Dates to remember:

November 30 – Annie at the State Theatre starts at 2 pm. The cost to each member \$24 & please have the checks made out to B'nai Tikvah-Kadima. Parents are welcome \$39. Please send all checks to the Synagogue Office attention Kadima. For those members who haven't already sent their payment in, please do ASAP before the event closes out!

January 17 – A Lock-In in the Gym w/ East Brunswick & East Windsor.

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>.

As always, please RSVP to me for all events that require an RSVP date.

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U.S.Y.

Sunday October 5th: Cancer Event
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October 8th: Kol Nidre USY annual food drive collection. Help collect food items at services and bring donations to food bank during the week. Call Mark Katronetsky 732-422-4321



October 11th: Opening Dance (Scotch Plains). Following afterwards there will be a multi-chapter sleepover at the synagogue (invite your regional friends). Enjoy a night of dancing, movies, food, friends, and fun. RSVP to Jordana for dance and sleepover. Bus provided to and from dance. Breakfast at 8am followed by services at 9am.

November 1st: Trip to view Rocky Horror Picture Show at Mercer County College. \$ 5 per member. We must buy tickets from MCC in advance. RSVP as soon as possible to Jordana.



November 15-16: Rock-A-Thon charity event. Possibly the most fun event ever created! See sign-up and sponsor sheets on USY bulletin board and contact Elliot Cohen for details. 732-821-4376. 8pm-8am. Bring rocking chair. \$25 minimum donation required. RSVP to Jordana.



November 21st-23rd: Hagalil Fall Convention. (Marlboro)



December 7th: Two-Hand Touch Football Game.

December 13th: Hagalil Membership dance Toms River).

Other Dates to Remember:

Feb. 6th-8th: Hagalil Mid-Winter Convention (East Brunswick)

February: Super Bowl Sunday Lox Box.

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Thank you to all the teens who helped at Rejoice on Sept 14. It was a most successful day. USY completely sold out of the popcorn they were making.

Dorothy Cohen

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SOCIAL ACTION

The Social Action Committee is happy to announce that our congregation donated 20 filled backpacks plus extra school supplies to needy children in New Brunswick for the new school year.

The backpacks were distributed through the practice of congregant Dr. Steven Levin.

The committee also donated school supplies to the South Brunswick Social Services department that were distributed to needy children in the town.

As always, we are happy to be able to help those in need in our area.

Amy Smith



IT'S ALREADY THAT TIME....

HELP A NEEDY FAMILY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Why we run this program? The following is an excerpt of one of the thank you notes we received on behalf of a family we sponsored: "This family has never experienced such great generosity. They felt overjoyed and emotional upon receiving the gifts. The mother told me she was happy to see that her children finally have toys to play with so they are no longer bored at home. The teachers were commenting that they noticed the children's self esteem improve when they came to school proudly dressed in their new clothes. The children are now appropriately dressed for the weather and are even wearing socks which were noticeably missing prior to receiving the gifts. They sleep much more comfortably at night with their new blankets and their heater....." This is why we run this program...to make a difference in peoples lives.

Who are these families? These families are all in need.

They are referred by various sources including Jewish Family Services, local welfare directors, school social workers and senior centers.

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?

1. 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.
2. Volunteer to obtain one or more of the items on a family's wish list.
3. 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.

To participate in this worthwhile program, send in the form included in this issue of Hakol,

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

Oct 26 – Sisterhood Opening General Meeting
 Nov 20 – Sisterhood Paid-Up Members Dinner

We Want You

Don't forget to join! Complete the form sent inside your HaKol and return it to the synagogue office or to Fern Katronetsky. Questions, contact Caryl Greenberg: 732.297.3780 caryl@comcast.net or Brenda Sherman: 732.940.1110 msherman10@comcast.net. Remember, your dues entitle you not only to a delicious and fun membership dinner but dozens of great meetings and events.

Speaking of fun membership dinner, join us for Games, Gourmet and Goodies (aka Paid-up Membership dinner) on November 20th. Time to schmooze with your old friends and meet some new ones while enjoying a delicious dinner, play some fun games and win fabulous prizes!

Sunday October 26th, 10:00am – General Meeting

Come make beautiful hand-made greeting cards. We will show you how to make lovely hand crafted cards using exclusive "Close to my Heart" acrylic stamps and beautiful papers. We will make two Chanukah cards & a thank you card, all embellished with lovely accessories. And of course, a delicious breakfast will be served. All are welcome, and remember, we're still accepting membership. Don't forget to bring your donations for local food banks. We're collecting pasta, peanut butter and canned vegetables.

Save the Date – Saturday January 24th!

It's not Passover and it's not really Poker either but it is our 3rd annual Passover Poker event! Please plan to join us for this fun event!

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 so you can tell your local friends about this service! For more information or to order your bima baskets, please contact Andrea at (732) 329-0687.

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MEN'S CLUB

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All adults and their children are welcome.

Please bring any of the following: ladder, Allen wrench, cordless drills, and good work ethic.

Breakfast will be sponsored by the Men's Club

When: Sunday, October 12th at 9am

The Roof Needs to Come Down, Too.

Volunteers are needed to help take down the Sukkah after the holiday.

Please join us Sunday, October 26 at approximately 9:45 am (immediately following morning minyan) with the same kinds of equipment (including kids).

Breakfast will be sponsored by the Ritual Committee.

50plus

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, October 28, 1:00 PM

The Fifty Plus Group will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 28 at 1 p.m. in the Social Hall of the Synagogue.

Part two of our geneology program will include a synopsis of "us" before "50 Plus". Please bring brief notes about yourself, school, and pictures if desired. We will compare notes on our background and early years. Refreshments will be served.

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Sweating It Out

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Then three days before the 14th, the weather report seems to be a little less dire. Plow ahead; don't think about it. Pretend you know that all will be okay. Pretend? Never mind, you have no choice. Keep going. Just pray, hope and work.

Hard to find words to describe the relief that flowed through our minds and bodies when we know that although it would be hot, it would likely not rain. The rain held off and vendors arrived and were directed toward their places. The parking lots filled, and people came by the thousands. It was a great day for Rejoice 2008 and vindication for all the planning and hard work.

For me and all my wonderful associates of the Rejoice Committee, a heartfelt thanks to all of you for coming. See you next year at Rejoice 2009.

*Aaron Rosloff
September 15, 2008*

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The Leaves Keep Tumblin' Down

Don't know if my title is a direct quote from any song or poem. If it is, I hope the person who wrote this line will forgive me for not putting the line in quotes. But back to the obvious; it is October. It's that time of year when the leaves do turn color. Gone are most of the green leaves, replaced by those turning the beautiful shades of red, yellow and orange. It's the sign that nature is ready to start its winter hibernation. Similarly, we humans also begin our "hibernation" of sorts. As the weather cools down we spend more time indoors. It doesn't mean that we get less active, it means that we are just taking it inside where it is warmer. Instead of the outdoor pool, we seek the indoor pool at health clubs and the like. Too cold to ride bicycles? We spend more time at the same places; using the equipment (including stationary bikes). The backyard barbecues are replaced by the indoor dinner party. I don't need to elaborate any further. I think you've got the general idea where I'm heading.

No matter where our activities occur, there is one constant. We still need to eat. We still need to go grocery shopping. We still need the supermarket gift cards and its committee, the Supermarket Gift Card (SGC) Committee. Our participating supermarkets - A&P, Acme, Pathmark, Shop Rite, Stop & Shop and Whole Foods as well as Lox, Stock & Deli (LSD) - continue to offer Congregation B'nai Tikvah (CBT) the great opportunity to raise some greatly needed funds. It is an easy fundraiser, too. To illustrate the power of this fundraiser, let me offer a conservative example:

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CBT's approximate net	= \$24,000	

Yes, you read that correctly. The amount would be approximately the above listed figure; less the amount deducted for using credit cards, etc. I know it is a pipe dream to expect each and every family to be so committed to a single fundraiser, but it is a nice goal to have in front of us. In reality, some families would be buying more than the monthly figure, other



families would not be buying anything at all. I just have to ask: WHY AREN'T YOU? Do you not eat? Do you not shop at any of these places? Do you not go to LSD at least once a year? You don't even have to eat at LSD to use these cards, they accept the cards for purchasing the products and going home with them. I know why you don't buy. You don't think you need to support CBT! That's it, isn't it? Well, next time you criticize CBT for NOT doing what you expect, remember CBT does what it can for you. Just do all that you can do for CBT. (The tone of this sounds vaguely familiar to me.)

Ok, if I've gotten you to consider/re-consider buying SGCs, here are the different ways to purchase them (nothing changes from month to month):

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Stop by CBT during office hours

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Remember: if you can't or won't get to CBT to get the cards, ask one of the above listed people how to arrange for FREE delivery. Yes, FREE as in no charge to and right to your door, too!

This month's tips: 1) Got a college aged student residing near any of our participating supermarkets, including Whole Foods? Stock them up with SGCs. Let them go and choose what they want to buy. It saves you having from pack and send the bulky bags or boxes. 2) Got an occasion coming up? Stick a SGC in the card. Some of the cards come in as low as \$25 amounts. You can even buy that greeting card at one of these stores using your own SGC! How handy, if I must say so myself. 3) Saving the biggie for last: are you going to a college/professional football game this season? Are you going to do a tail gate party? Stock up on those SGCs so that you can buy your provisions at these places. These were three helpful, harmless ways to participate as SGC purchasers/users. You'll be supporting CBT. We thank you.

Stop watching those leaves fall and come by and buy your SGCs. Until November...

Linda Feinste in

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