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Friday, Mar. 6 6:00 PM

Purim Carnival

Sunday, Mar. 8

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Sunday, Mar. 8

Purim Dinner & Magillah Reading

Monday, Mar. 9 5:45 PM

Magillah Reading

Tuesday, Mar. 10

Family Shabbat

Friday, Mar. 20

Gift Shop Passover Bazaar

Sunday, Mar. 22 & Sunday, Mar. 29

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Every Wednesday

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On These and
Many More Events

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FIT For The NEW YEAR



Sunday, January 11, was icy and cold outside, but red-hot and energized inside Congregation B'nai Tikvah, where hundreds of people in the community came out to donate

blood and to learn how to get fit for 2009.

The synagogue was hopping, from early in the morning, until late in the afternoon. Members and non-members of the synagogue came in droves, to follow up blood donation with a healthy dose of football playoffs, or to try out new techniques in yoga and pilates, participate in exercise classes for men, seniors, teens and young children, or test their abilities in strength and circuit training.

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I THOUGHT I GOT IT

Following is an excerpt from an article written by Larry Kleinman at the conclusion of a Masorti Foundation mission to southern Israel in mid-January. It has been heavily edited for space considerations.

I thought that I got it. But I didn't. I mean, I've been a supporter of Israel my whole adult life. I've gone to I-don't-know-how-many rallies, parades, and demonstrations to show my support. I've argued with people who consider Israel racist and repressive and all that. I've sent each of my kids there for a summer. I'd gone there three times myself, and I'm sitting in the Tel Aviv airport right now, having concluded my fourth trip. I mean, I get it, right?

No, I didn't get it.

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PURIM CELEBRATION!

Monday, March 9

Come in your Purim costume!

5:45 PM Mincha (afternoon service)

6:00 PM Supper- All are invited!

6:45 PM Ma'ariv (evening service) and Megillah Reading

Tuesday, March 10

7:30 AM Shacharit and Megillah Reading followed by Purim Seudah (breakfast) sponsored by Ruth Anne Koenick

Chag Purim Sameach!!

Tu B'Shevat Seder



Sunday evening, February 8th, Congregation B'nai Tikvah celebrated Tu B'Shevat with a beautiful Tu B'Shevat Seder led by Cantor Rockman. Almost seventy people gathered around the community table after the sounds of The Sons



of Tikvah Band set the mood. We read together about the

blessings of trees and fruits in Eretz Yisrael. We chanted the b'rachot and poured four cups of grape juice in four different colors throughout the Seder. We tasted dates, nuts, olives and other fruits, then we enjoyed a meal which included a special couscous with apricots, raisins and

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WORDS OF THE RABBI Rabbi Robert Wolkoff**RENEWAL**

After our recent visit to Israel, there really is only one word to describe what we saw there: renewal. In every direction one could look, there was evidence of growth, confidence, vitality. People joke that the national bird of Israel is the crane — not the stork-like bird with the long wings and skinny legs, but the construction crane. The art, the food, the architecture, even, in these hard times, the economy, are nothing less than extraordinary — in fact, miraculous.

I use the word miraculous advisedly, because for some it's hard to believe that a modern state ("like any other") could be in any way divine. But Israel is not a state "like any other." The renewal of Jewish life in the Land of Israel is an event permeated by a sense of divine presence.

The reason for this is not hard to find. Built into the concept of the Jewish religion is the idea that every single one of us is created in the divine image, and obligated to live by the divine Torah. We can and should sanctify the name of G-d through the down-to-earth, concrete, real life we lead. Although we can do that anywhere we find ourselves, living a life in Israel, the Land G-d intended for the Jewish people, has always been viewed in our tradition as uniquely privileged.

I saw a powerful example of this on my visit to a techelet factory. According to the shma prayer, one of the threads in our tzitzit is supposed to be the color techelet, the royal blue color used by nobility all over the ancient near east. Why? Because unlike the various autocracies in Egypt, Greece, Rome, et. al., our tradition teaches that all of us are royalty.

So why haven't we been wearing techelet? Because the Roman imperialists who conquered Israel 2,000 years ago, insisted that only their royalty be allowed to use it. Over the course of time, the secret of the production of techelet was lost. We were thus forced

to wear tzitzit without techelet, a reminder of our subjugated status.

Recently, though, the secret of techelet has been rediscovered in Israel. The royal blue, meant to be shared by all of us, is back, to remind us of who and what we are. I'll soon be proudly wearing a thread of techelet in my tzitzit (as soon as I can figure out how to tie the knots!), a symbol of the renewal of the strength of our people, a renewal that we have been privileged to witness in our very day.

May we go from strength to strength, in Eretz Yisrael and here at Bnai Tikvah.

Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff

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OUR HAZZAN'S VOICE Cantor Bruce Rockman

A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP

Develop a relationship with God. How does one develop a relationship with the Almighty? Recently, while explaining the role of tiffilin in our lives during the world wide wrap, I explained that binding ourselves daily can help in our desire to develop a relationship with God.

Teffilin is one of the most important Mitzvot (precepts) of the Torah. It has been observed and treasured for thousands of years, right down to the present day. The Torah mentions it more than once, but most explicitly in Deut. 6:8 "You shall bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they should be for a reminder between your eyes."

One student commented, how do you develop a relationship with someone who doesn't talk? In response I could only think of a George Carlin routine, his paradoxical use of the English language and his agonizing relationship with organized religion. This question also recalls the child in the Passover Seder who wants to know why we do all of this stuff.

In my opinion, being engaged in religion requires faith and the pursuit of knowledge. Prayer and learning is a conversation with God. In performing these mitzvot, we engage in the pursuit of the perfecting of the world that God created and entrusted to us for protection. Each of us can have a unique method of communication.

Like any personal relationship, effort is required; attaining a relationship with God is an accomplishment worth pursuing. Our paths are varied, unique and personal. Everything that we do reflects our relationship with God, how we conduct our daily lives and relate to each other and the world.

Let's try our best to answer the difficult questions that our children ask, the pursuit of the truth requires effort and improved relationships for us all.

So "talking" with God may be your method of communication with God. I like to sing.


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Wednesday		7:30 PM	Maariv
Thursday	7:30 AM Shahareet	7:30 PM	Maariv
Friday		8:00 PM	Kabbalat Shabbat
Saturday	9:30 AM Shabbat		Mincha/Maariv/Havdallah
		Mar 7	5:30 pm
		Mar 14	6:45 pm <i>at the Rockmans' home</i>
		Mar 21	6:45 pm
		Mar 28	6:15 pm <i>Pray & Play, Seudah & Study</i>

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ANOTHER VIEWPOINT *Aaron Rosloff*

Gonna Do It Tomorrow

Since Mili passed away 3 years ago, I try to attend evening Minyan at least once each week between Sunday and Thursday. Lately I frequently find that we are one or two people short for a Minyan. As an egalitarian congregation that counts both women and men toward a Minyan, that makes it even harder to justify.

All of us have or will in our lifetimes have occasion to mourn a loved one. When the need arises, we go to Minyan expecting to find one. We all support our congregation but not always for the same reason. Some because we want a Jewish presence in our community, some want to educate a child or prepare for Bar or Bat Mitzvah and some because we want a functioning Synagogue for all of the other reasons that we want a functioning Synagogue.

So when we go to Temple we expect to find a Minyan, every time. But if you, Dear Reader, almost never attend daily Minyan, then how can you expect that there will always be a service for you when you need it? I have often seen the look of disappointment and frustration in the eyes of someone who has rushed home from work, to be at Shul by 7:30, or put off dinner 'till later in order to be able to recite Kaddish, but found us short for a Kaddish Minyan.

In my personal experience, I find Tuesday and Thursday to be the days that we most often find ourselves short one or two people for a Minyan. If more of us would just pick a day once a month, any day, say the first Tuesday or the third Thursday, or whatever day is convenient, but stick to it religiously (no pun intended), we would not be faced with the disappointment, frustration or dismay that a member who comes expecting to say Kaddish feels when they find themselves unable to do so.

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Under the direction of Ed Goldberg, the Odessa Klezmer Band returns to B'nai Tikvah to present traditional Eastern European and Middle Eastern melodies.

Admission: Adults \$15 Children \$10

MARKETING & THE SHUL

Marketing to our own congregants and to prospective congregants are just a couple of the many things that our lay and professional leadership think about on a regular basis. Two years ago a marketing committee was formed. Its members have spearheaded the revamping of our website and have developed a focused campaign including creation of promotional materials for some of our many events.

On Tuesday, February 10th a dedicated group of volunteers sat in the Beit Midrash to listen to a teleconference sponsored by the USCJ (United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism) in North America. Partners from Bloom Consulting presented "Synagogues Incorporated – Applying For-Profit Marketing Techniques to Non-Profit Religious Organizations." Bloom Consulting focuses on helping religious organizations with fundraising, marketing, strategic planning, and leadership development.

It was gratifying to learn that B'nai Tikvah has already implemented many of the recommendations presented during the teleconference: first, to create a marketing committee, second, to create a website, and third, to survey current and prospective members to determine needs and gain both positive and negative feedback. The conference participants learned that we need to better focus on each of the constituencies within the congregation and the potential membership. To that end, the committee will focus marketing efforts on retention and growth while also leading an effort to better organize all of our wonderful programming to meet the diverse needs of our community.

Beth Schurman

A MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

Allison Nagelberg, VP Membership

A Warm Welcome To:

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Paul and Nancy Zankel
On the Bar Mitzvah of their son Samuel

Joe and Barbara Plotnick
On the birth of their grandson Noah

Our Condolences to:


Daniel Goldman
On the passing of his father Yochanan

Saving Money At B'nai Tikvah:

As I am writing this message for Hakol, it is an absolutely beautiful Sunday in February. Even though Punxatawney Phil said there will be six more weeks of winter (I think that Staten Island Chuck disagreed), this has been the kind of weekend where it feels like spring is just around the corner. And with spring comes another flurry of membership activity at B'nai Tikvah. Our friends and neighbors start to climb out of their winter doldrums, and decide that, having heard such wonderful things about B'nai Tikvah, they are ready to become a part of our extended family. Keep in mind that you can reduce your synagogue dues by referring new members. This is a great way to help the synagogue, get friends involved, and save money all at the same time.

If you have any questions about this referral program, or would like to comment on anything else, please don't hesitate to contact me. I always look forward to hearing from you.

Allison Nagelberg,
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Health Fair

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Attendees learned the secrets to maintaining a healthy back, as well as tips to promote pain-free feet. They feasted on quinoa tabouleh prepared in a kosher, vegan cooking demonstration, and they brought home goodie bags chock full of products and discounts for healthy living.

Many people at the Health Fair looked blissfully content, having been treated to a relaxing massage. Participants at both the Blood Drive and Health Fair were thrilled to have done something positive to start off the new year.

Health Fair Chair Hilary Friedman was joined by an amazing group of volunteers, including Stacey Cadoff, Jackie Masters, Phyllis Safeer, Linda Goodstein and Allison Nagelberg, as well as some of our wonderful teens and pre-teens: Cory, Jesse and Hayley Nagelberg, Heather Rosen, Matt Rosenthal, Ellie Tunison, Jesse Talmud, Jody and Michael Friedman, Emily Carey, Rachel Allen and Lauren Goodstein. Dot Cohen and Jordana Andersen were



instrumental in rounding up so many talented young people! Jeff Schwartz donated an impressive amount of health-promoting garlic; Dave Spivak provided his considerable skills in design and Gary Bergman, as always, helped with all online promotion of this event. Special thanks to event planner, Ruth Hass, who donated her time and talent to set up the event. Blood Drive chair, Marty Engel, did a spectacular job providing this vital service to our community. The day would not have been possible without the hard work of B'nai Tikvah staff – Lynne, Ann and Roz – as well as Sherri and Karl. Both events were a tremendous success and are truly a reflection of the spirit of Congregation B'nai Tikvah.



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I THOUGHT I GOT IT

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You know who gets it? Benny Vaknin, the mayor of Ashkelon, a city in southern Israel that is about 15 miles from Gaza. He gets it. He told me and the eight others with whom I was traveling that he has been friends with the mayor of Gaza City for years. That he used to send his city engineers to Gaza City to help develop better municipal sanitation systems. He told us this while we met with him in a concrete bunker ... because the city that his friend used to run is now being run by people who are trying to kill the citizens of Ashkelon with missiles.

The nurse in charge of the trauma room at Soroka Hospital in Beersheba also gets it. She met with us in her trauma room, a 6-bed unit that needs large steel doors, an air lock entry, and reinforced concrete walls and ceilings, so that it can be sealed off from the rest of the hospital (and world). Soroka Hospital ... is 30 seconds by missile from Gaza. The steel doors, concrete, and air lock are there to keep the room safe from missiles that might carry a radioactive or chemical warhead. It is her job to help save lives, and whose life she is saving is of no concern. Oh, she gets it all right.

I started to get it a little bit three days ago ... We were heading to the area where missiles have fallen every day for the last two weeks, and we knew that

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Not the Main Stream Media

“UNWRA reported yesterday that Hamas police confiscated supplies of humanitarian aid from one of the distribution points under its control in Gaza. Two days ago, they report, more than 3,500 blankets and 406 food parcels were confiscated by Hamas police officials.”

– *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, Feb. 5, 2009*

“Sources said that the Hamas militias took control over the Association for the Disabled in Jabaliya, and the “Our Home” association in Beit Lahiya. They forced the people in charge of the two organizations to sign that they obligate themselves not to distribute any aid or carry out social or humanitarian actions.”

– *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, Jan. 28, 2009*

“[Hamas] took control by armed force of the aid trucks and of the goods that were sent to the private sector. The supplies were distributed between the [Hamas] party members and afterwards the remainder was put up for sale at exorbitant prices... People’s stories range from stories of murder of innocent people in cold blood to the unloading of bags of flour to the houses of Hamas activists while their neighbors were left starving.”

– *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, Jan. 22, 2009*

“Armed Hamas members kidnapped Fatah movement members yesterday while they were distributing aid to citizens.”

– *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, Jan. 28, 2009*

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...is so full of human interest, of excitement and hair-breadth escapes that we have never grown weary of telling it. However, the way we tell it may sometimes vary. Whether or not the story is told in prose, rhyme, or performed from door-to-door it's always a "big shpiel." With some contemporary phrasing, in a rap format, here's yet another way to tell the Purim tale:

Here's the story I gotta tell,
About a fine young maiden you know so well.
Her name is Queen Esther, and she was so brave.
Her people, the Jews, she did save!
The story's villain is a man named Haman,
Who lied about the Jews whom he was blamin'.
And, Mordechai, the Jew, now he wouldn't bow,
and Haman, the Agagite, raise such a row.
He thought he would eliminate our race,
But Mordechai, our main man, put him in his place.
Stop!! Now look and listen,
There's more to this Purim edition.
The King, whose name is Ahasuerus,
Gave Haman the power to scare us.
But when Esther spoke to the King,
He wouldn't hear of such a thing.
And because she was a courageous Esther,
We retained the freedom to be Jews together.
And every year on the 14th of Adar,
(March 10th is the Purim date)
We go to Temple and celebrate.
We have a carnival and a masquerade
Listen to the Megillah and enjoy the costume parade.
So come on all you Jews,
Get on the move...
Grab a grogger,
and get into the groove.

CHAG SAMEACH TO ALL OUR FAMILIES!!

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION - A LOOK AHEAD

By now, all school families should have received school registration forms and materials. Please

fill out and return the forms as soon as possible.
EARLY-BIRD REGISTRATION deadline is **MARCH 16**.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN SECOND GRADE TO DALET (6th GRADE)

For the 2009-2010 academic year;
Alef (third grade); Bet (fourth grade); Gimel (fifth grade); Dalet (sixth grade) and Hei (seventh grade) students will meet:

SUNDAY (all morning), 9:00 am-12:05 pm AND
WEDNESDAY, 4:00 pm-6:00 pm

Please Note:

There will be **NO TUESDAY CLASSES OFFERED**.
ALL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL ATTEND SUNDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS (ONLY)

ATTENTION PARENTS OF K-2 STUDENTS

If you have a child that is between the ages of 4 and 7 years old who is not yet registered in our Religious School, consider joining our religious school program. It offers activities that develops a child's Jewish identity and stimulates their Jewish involvement through music, art, worship and storytelling. We make the most of the hours that your child is with us. The children participate in extensive enrichment programs throughout the year as they get acquainted and become part of our religious school life. Many exciting events are already planned for the upcoming 2009-2010 school year.

Please call the School Office (732-297-0295) if you would like an application to enroll your child in our school.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REMINDERS:

Sunday, March 8:

Special program for K-5 students
with storyteller, Rebecca Kelly
Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sunday, March 15:

Gimel PACT program:
Tzedakah and the Giraffe Connection; 10AM

Monday, March 23:

Religious School Education Committee Meeting; 7:45pm

Wednesday, March 25:

BET CLASS C.A.F.E. program: Seder Plates

Sunday, March 29:

CHAI SPECIAL PROGRAM with Rabbi on Israel

Tuesday, April 7:

NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, Spring Break
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Sunday, April 19:

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Our Open House will take place on;
Monday, March 23rd from 9:00 AM-3:15 PM

Come see our children "in action" on a typical day of school including morning core curriculum, yoga, lunch and afternoon enrichments.

Jewish Educators Assembly

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire shul and the Board for sending me to the JEA (Jewish Educators Assembly) 57th annual conference in Arizona. The 4-day gathering brought together congregational school principals, heads of Solomon Schechter Day Schools, early childhood directors, bureau and agency personnel and family and informal educators from all across North America and Israel. For the first time ever, there were 15 Early Childhood directors present from all over the country. We went on a trip to visit a local Early Childhood Center in Scottsdale. We concentrated on our Jewish curriculum and our symbiotic relationships with our affiliated synagogues.

BARTONS PASSOVER CANDY SALE

Again, this year **BARTONS CHOCOLATES** for Passover is available and on sale through the Religious School. Check our web site and your children's book bag for a candy form.

Our sale is going on now through **MARCH 8**.

Checks can be made to B'nai Tikvah Religious School (*Please note that we do not encourage children to go door-to-door selling candy, although they can ask family and family friends to support us*). The proceeds are used by the religious school for ongoing enrichment activities and programs.

The sale will end on March 8!!

**ON BEHALF OF OUR CHILDREN WE
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**



Kudos to Blue Box Bob (Cantor Rockman) for visiting and singing songs for us on Tu B'Shevat.

Teacher's Workshop

There will be no school on Tuesday March 4th due to a teacher's workshop. We are co-sponsoring (along with other nursery schools), two workshops titled "Psychological difficulties in Early Childhood" and "Music".

Purim Celebration

The yiladeem will be baking their own Hamantashen and making groggers and preparing Mishloach Manot baskets to bring home to their families on Purim.

We will be celebrating Purim on Tuesday March 10th. We will all dress in costumes.

A special guest will be coming to entertain us first thing in the morning, followed by our Purim carnival. A shortened version of the Megillah will be read by Rabbi Wolkoff, Rabbi Garfinkel of Temple Beth El in Somerset (father of pre-k student Sari) and Cantor Rockman. That will take place in the Sanctuary at approximately 11:30 AM.

All parents and congregants are invited!!

Class of 2009 Yearbook

We are starting to work on our yearbook for the Class of 2009. Ad blanks are available. Please support our school by placing an ad from your place of business (or businesses that you deal with) or an ad honoring past or future graduates.

Until next month...

Phyllis

B'NAI TIKVAH YOUTH

KADIMA



Congratulations to Arielle Cadoff, Jason Shindler, Matt Juro, Jeremy Nass, David Harkavy, & Rebecca Bierstein who attended 10 events of Kadima so far this year. They all received a gift card! It's not too late for everyone to receive a gift card or 2.

Our Friday Kadima Youth Service was a success! Thanks to the members who participated & also to the Cantor for all his help during the practice sessions!

March 8 – Purim Carnival in the Gym.

Come dressed up! 8th graders are asked to help USY run the games. RSVP to Brianne (USY Advisor) ASAP b.dinitz.sklar@gmail.com.

March 9 – Synagogue Megillah Reading

March 15 – Ice Skating at Princeton Sports Center, 1000 Cornwall Rd., Monmouth Jct. from 2-4 pm w/ all Hagalil Chapters invited. This event is sponsored by our Chapter! Pass the message along to all your Regional friends for those who need the reminder! The cost \$9, includes skates & admission. Look for our table when arriving to pay. RSVP by 3/9.

March 22 – Matzah Ball Dance Party

at Solomon Schechter Day School, 22 School Road East, Marlboro from 5-7 pm. It is for 5th-8th graders. RSVP to Linda thinkssds@optonline.net if attending.

March 29 – Regional Yad B'Yad Roller Skating, at United Skates of America, 600 Main St, Woodbridge from 2- 4pm. The cost \$12, includes skating, skate rental slushee, & fun. Bring extra money for Tzedakah. The Chapter w/ the most money wins a prize! RSVP by 3/22.

All regular Kadima communications are going out weekly via email. If you are not getting those emails or your email address has changed, please contact me right away.

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>. Always accepting new members all year round!

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

If you need my signature for any event, please don't wait until last minute. The best way is at an event.

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U.S.Y.

March 8 - Purim Carnival

With many new additions and excitements this revamped Purim Carnival will be a great success!
12-2:30 PM, Magic Show at 2:30 PM

March 9 - Magilla Reading

Come out for the Magilla reading, and don't forget to stop by to purchase a box of macaroni to use during the reading.

March 15 - Peanut Butter and Jelly JAM!! 3:30 PM



Join the chapter in making sandwiches for homeless shelters. Enjoy the satisfaction of helping someone in need while making the greatest sandwiches ever!

March 20 - Spring Convention Application Deadline!! Don't Wait to the last minute!!

March 21 - USY Prom

A great night of USY fun with a special someone from USY!

March 21 thru March 22 - USY Sleepover.

We will be joining several other chapters in a fun overnight after the prom!!

March 22 - Pancake Breakfast!!

Men's Club and USY are getting together for this fabulous fundraiser. Please join us for some great breakfast with the B'nai Tikvah family, cooked by the Men's Club and served by the USYers.
8:30-11:00 AM Cost: \$5

N/S Brunswick would like to personally thank all of those who purchased lox-box orders and helped make the sale possible. We would also like to thank all the volunteers that assisted in a smooth event.

We will be updating any changes that might be made to any of the events. If you have any further questions please feel free to get in contact with Brianne Dinitz-Sklar, the USY Advisor or Elliot Cohen, the USY Communication Chair.

We would love to hear from you!!

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Sunday, March 8 Wine Tasting 11:00AM-2:30PM

Sunday March 22 Pancake Breakfast 9:30 AM

Passover Flower Sale

Don't forget to order your beautiful Passover Flowers to adorn your Seder table. Pre-order and pay by April 3rd. Pick up will be April 7th at the Synagogue. For more information, see the flyer in this issue of Hakol or the website at www.bnaitikvah.org/flowers.html or contact Gale Dillman 732 821-7392.

Wine Tasting and Shalach Manot Pick-Up

While you're picking up your Shalach Manot (from 11:00am – 3:00pm), join us Sunday, March 8, 2009 for WINE TASTING from 11:00AM - 2:30PM. Sample a selection of Kosher Wines for Passover and order your Passover Wine through Sisterhood.

Passover Wine Sale

It's that time of year again, to stock up on your kosher for Passover wines (hey, and while you're at it, why not make sure you have enough wine to get you through the rest of the year too). If you can't make it to our wine tasting, you'll find the order forms in this issue of HaKol and on the website at www.bnaitikvah.org/winesale.htm. Any questions, contact Lynn Biderman, (732) 297-6691.

Pancake Breakfast and Sisterhood Program

Please join the Sisterhood at the pancake breakfast sponsored by the Men's club and USY, Sunday morning March 22, 2009 at 9:30am. Breakfast will be followed by a sisterhood program filled with fun. We will be cooking with our own Stacey Rockman.

"Do you run out of energy to make dessert when you are making a meal for company? Learn how to "fake bake" with Stacey Rockman. She will show you the secrets to some fabulous, foolproof desserts from lemon cake to chocolate palmiers. Tasting required!"

Social Action

Social Action will collect Kosher for Passover Food for JFVS, who will provide food baskets to the needy for Passover. You can bring these items to the Sisterhood Program above.

Todah Rabah

The Creative Hands Committee along with the Social Action Committee would like to thank Deborah Spigner for helping us to become involved with the wonderful project of making scarves for the athletes participating in the Special



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Olympics. Like the State of Israel flag, the colors for the Special Olympics were white and blue. Sisterhood provided the yarn and our members and friends of our members knit or crocheted over 50 scarves. Not only was it fun to create these scarves but it felt wonderful to be part of such a Mitzvah. Thank you to all who participated in this meaningful project.

Bonnie Stevens, Creative Hands Committee
 Andrea Katz, Social Action Committee

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

Oktoberfest in March!!!

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Back by popular demand, Brewmeister Jeff Cadoff will share with us his secrets of home brewing beer. We hope to have a live presentation of those brew basics and also be sampling some of the wares.

As always, we will be having our traditional bagels and lox breakfast as well as pretzels with the beer. A \$4 donation is appreciated.

Quantity of food is always an issue, so please RSVP Steve Katz, Men's Club President, skatz56@aol.com, if you plan to attend. Thank you.

USY Pancake breakfast

on Sunday, March 22nd from 8:30 am - 12 noon

The Men's club will be sponsoring a pancake breakfast with all the proceeds going to support our USY youth.

Chef Norm Politziner will once again delight us with his culinary expertise. Our USYers will be serving.

There will be plenty of pancakes and toppings for everyone so please come hungry.

A \$5 per person/\$10 per family donation is appreciated.



Bonnie Kudwitt continues to list and sell items on eBay.

*Any donations are welcome.
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Drop items off in the office.

We have raised over \$1,000.00

Contact Bonnie with any questions.

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50plus

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 24

The Fifty Plus group will meet on Tuesday, March 24 at 1 p.m. in the Synagogue. Our program will be "Medicare Options/AARP. The New Advantage Plan", presented by Mr. Harshad Pandyd. All members, guests and prospective members are invited.

Refreshments will be served.

For further information about the group, please;

Call Doris @ 609-860-1498 or
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PURIM CELEBRATION!

Monday, March 9

5:45 PM *Mincha* - 6:00 PM *Supper*- All are invited!

6:45 PM *Ma'ariv* & *Megillah* Reading

Tuesday, March 10

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Tu B'Shevat Seder

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nuts and a barley pilaf, both dishes celebrating the biblical "seven species". The Seder concluded with Birkat HaMazon and the final cups of grape juice.

Special thanks to Ann Rosenzweig and Bobby Bergman for shopping for the Seder goodies and helping to prepare the Seder plates and to Gary Bergman for fluffing a huge pot of couscous! Thanks to the members of Sons of Tikvah Band and also to the clean-up volunteers, including Laura Waksman, Cindy Gittleman, Beth Schurman and Debbie Allen. Special thanks to Phil Welscher for helping with setting up, finding white grape juice and taking photos during the evening.



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Recipes from the Seder:

Couscous with Fruit and Nut Topping

- 1 cup plain couscous,
- 1 cup boiling water,
- 1/4 t. salt,
- 1 t. vegetable oil

Pour boiling water over couscous. Cover and let soak 5 minutes. Add salt and oil. Fluff with fork and place in serving dish.

- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 T. vegetable oil
- 1/4 c. slivered almonds, toasted
- 4 oz. golden raisins
- 4 oz. dried apricots
- 1 T. sugar
- 1/2 t. cinnamon, divided

Sautee onion in oil over medium low heat, stirring often, for 15-20 minutes, or until onion is very soft and uniformly golden brown. Soak raisins and apricots in hot water to cover while onion is cooking. After onions are cooked, drain fruits and add to pan with sugar and 1/4 t. cinnamon. Cook a few more minutes, then pour topping pan contents over couscous. Spread toasted almonds on top and sprinkle with 1/4 t. cinnamon. Serve warm.

Dump Cake, A very easy classic

- 1 can crushed pineapple,
- 1 can cherry pie filling,
- 1 box yellow cake mix,
- 1 stick (1/2 lb) unsalted butter,
- 6 oz. chopped pecans (optional)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Spray 9 x 13 inch pan with no-stick spray or lightly grease the pan. Dump crushed pineapple with all the liquid into pan and spread it out. Put cherry pie filling over crushed pineapple. Dump dry cake mix over fruit. Place dabs of butter over cake mix. Top with chopped nuts, if using. Bake for about 50 to 60 minutes or until cake mix has all absorbed liquid and is lightly browning. Serve warm.

Thank you to those who sponsored a Tu B'Shevat Seder Plate

- Gary and Barbara Bergman
in Honor of Taryn's 2nd birthday
- Andrew and Lauren Cohen
in Honor of Marley, Jenna and Tori
- Douglas and Syndi Smoller
- The Blackin Family
- Ann and Sam Rosenzweig



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I THOUGHT I GOT IT

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this trip was going to be anything but normal. We were on what is called a "solidarity mission", a trip taken to show the people of southern Israel that we haven't forgotten them. After about a half hour, we stopped the guide said that we stopped here because once we passed this spot we'd be inside the 40 km zone which has been the range of the Hamas missiles. Stopping here would give us a chance to enjoy our coffee without worries. He also said that in the event of a siren we would have 45 seconds to stop the bus, crouch in the aisle using the seats as protection, and put our hands over our heads as many of us had done during drills in elementary school in the 1950s. For the last 50 years I've been making fun of those drills and now I was trying to remember exactly how to do it and wondering how fast I could do it.. Yes, I was getting it a little.

Another person who gets it is the guy who runs the North American desk at the Israeli Foreign Ministry. We met with him at the Ministry in Jerusalem toward the end of our trip, he told us that when he was a kid during the Six Day war in '67, he and his classmates would write notes of support, put them in little boxes along with some cookies, and send them off to the soldiers. Later, when he was fighting in Lebanon in the 80's, he would get those boxes sent by school kids. Today, he said, he has his own school age children, and now they are sending boxes to soldiers. His great fear is that one day his children will be receiving those boxes.

There are different degrees of getting it. The Foreign Ministry guy, who is afraid of history repeating itself on his children, is at one level. Parents that we met in a waiting room at Soroka Hospital are at a different level. They aren't afraid for their children's future; they are afraid for their children's present. One father, his son has been in a coma for four days, talked to us. His grief was unimaginable, he talked about the difference in his feeling between his own service in the Yom Kippur War in '73, and his son's today. He asked us to pray for his son's recovery, to ask God to "allow him to see his son's bright blue eyes again."

Israel has been getting a pretty rough time in the press. Pictures of dead children in Gaza are heartbreaking and it is pretty easy to portray Israel as a nation of barbarians. Israel has been making efforts to get the world to understand that they are not trying to overthrow Hamas, that Israel has no right to determine who the government of its neighbor should be and are certainly not trying to kill innocent Palestinians. As an example of the kind of press

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Henry Ricklis Holocaust Memorial Committee 2009 Yom HaShoah Observance

The Henry Ricklis Holocaust Memorial Committee of Monroe Township will hold its annual Yom HaShoah Observance on Sunday, April 19. The observance will be held at the Monroe Township High School's Marasco Theatre. Seating is by general admission, there is no admission fee, and doors will open at 12 noon for Yahrzeit (Memorial) Candle lighting. The program will start one half-hour earlier this year, promptly at 12:30.

This year's observance will include the Drum Cadence and Survivor Processional, and our Menorah Lighting Ceremony. The remarkable story of Irena Sendler, who saved 2500 children from death in the Warsaw Ghetto, will be told as an introduction to the Menorah Lighting. Children of survivors will light candles on our Second Menorah, while actual survivors will light those on our First Menorah.

New this year will be a film entitled The People of Ricklis, which School Board President Amy Antelis is creating. The Junior Choir of Anshe Emeth Memorial Temple in New Brunswick, under the direction of Cantor Anna Ott, will sing the anthems and two selections.

Our keynote speaker, Monroe Township resident Irving Gerenstein, served as a Sergeant in the 50th Signal Battalion during WW II and will speak of his experiences. We are very proud to have Mr. Gerenstein of Clearbrook with us this year.

The Yom HaShoah Committee's challenge each year is to create a program that sustains the memory of the Holocaust and to fosters education and the lessons learned from the Holocaust. The Henry Ricklis Holocaust Committee is committed to spreading the message of tolerance and understanding amongst all people.

Please join us on April 19 for a memorable afternoon. Contact Chairperson Nina Wolff at 732 605-7811, nwolff0325@aol.com) for further information.

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that they have been dealing with, he showed us a BBC interview broadcast a few days ago in which a BBC correspondent asked a Foreign Ministry spokesman if Israel wanted to apologize for “stopping medical aid from getting to children who had been trapped in their house destroyed by Israeli bombs with nothing to do for two days but stare at the corpse of their mother,” and then added “How in the name of humanity can your government do that?” Yes, it is true that Israel has had far fewer deaths than have the Palestinians, but this is due in part to the fact that Israel has taken precautions to protect its people. Nearly all newer Israeli apartments and houses have a “safe room,” a room made of concrete and steel that can be sealed against explosions as well as radiation

and poison. Meanwhile, the Palestinians tend to win the media war, more deaths equals more sympathetic coverage.

There is a great deal of suffering in Israel, and it tends to go unreported. At a Masorti (conservative) synagogue in Beersheba a young rabbi talked about what it had been like to live with the rockets, and how much stress people there are dealing with. Schools have been closed since there is concern that there would not be enough time to get all students into a shelter. There is the concern that getting to and from school is too dangerous. Parents have to rearrange work schedules to take care of kids not in school. The rockets have taken a terrible psychological toll on kids. They are all scared. “After all”, we were told, “this is these

kids’ first war.” Their first war!

If anybody gets it, the people of Sderot get it. Sderot is about a mile from Gaza, which gives its citizens less than 15 seconds to find cover. Hamas has fired something like 6,000 missiles at Sderot in the past eight years. How many times a day in the past eight years has a siren gone off? How many times have people had 15 seconds to save their lives?

An Army captain made the situation pretty clear. Gaza asks for ordinary items - pipes for plumbing in houses, fertilizer for farmers to grow food, gasoline for cars and tractors. Israel can't prohibit this “humanitarian aid” from coming in. Hamas, however, cuts the pipe into sections, fills them with fertilizer and sugar, a few

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This month's tip: Purim - a festive holiday occurs on the evening of March 9 and on March 10. It's time for hamantashen and other goodies. Now, you could either bake your own hamantashen or buy them at one of our participating SGC vendors. Personally, I am so confident of my baking abilities that I am guaranteed a better tasting hamantashen when I buy them! Either way, these vendors have both the finished product as well as the various ingredients used in preparing and baking these tasty Purim treats. So when you are preparing your shopping lists, don't forget to include your Purim needs and order enough SGCs.

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other easily obtained ingredients, and uses the gasoline as propellant. The Israelis know this is happening because they have begun putting marks on the pipes being sent to Gaza, and these marks are now showing up on the missiles landing on Sderot.

Without fail, every person that we talked to thanked us for being there and told us how brave we were. It is hard to describe how ridiculous this felt. Nothing was as gut-wrenching as getting thanks from the soldiers that we ran into about a mile from Gaza. We had brought some neck warmers with us, they are apparently loved by the soldiers because they not only keep them warm at night, they are apparently a cool fashion statement. They were incredibly appreciative of them, as they were of the cookies that we had also brought. When they found out that we were Americans and that the reason that we came was to show support for them, they fell all over themselves thanking us. How do I describe the feeling, embarrassment maybe, when a kid who is going to war, makes a big deal about my bringing him cookies.

Oh, they get it.

A few hours ago we came back to Jerusalem to pack up our stuff, check out of the hotel and leave for the airport. Before we did, the nine of us got together to "debrief" each other. Not one of the first three people to speak got more than a few sentences out before we started to cry.

I think we all got it. I can't really say for sure what "it" is - I think that it is something that we all will work out for ourselves - but it is certainly about the terrible sadness that we had just seen, about things that should not have to happen, about the world working the wrong way. Generation after generation

after of people hoping that theirs will be the last generation to live this way, and fearing that it will not.

Yes, I think I get it now. What can I do so that you get it?

If you'd like to read the full article, please send your request to hakol.cbt@gmail.com and we will send it to you.

FEDERATION EVENTS

Fashion and Identity in Israel in the 1950s

Thursday, March 05, 7:30 PM

Location: Rutgers University, Busch Campus Center, Multipurpose Room, 604 Bartholomew Rd, Piscataway, NJ

The New Philo-Semitism: Israel, Islamophobia, and the Right Wing in Europe

Monday, March 23, 07:30 PM

Rutgers University, Traves Hall, Douglass College Center, 100 George Street, New Brunswick, NJ

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