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Sunday, Apr. 5 4:00 PM

Pre-Possover Dinner

Sunday, Apr. 5 6:30 PM

Nursery School Trip to State Theater "The Ant and the Elephant"

Tuesday, Apr. 21

Professor Gerald Pomper of The Eagleton Institute

Wednesday, Apr. 22, After 7:30 minyan

Men's Club Trip to the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame

Sunday, Apr. 26

Sisterhood

History of English Tea

Sunday, Apr. 26

Family Shabbat

Friday, Apr. 17

Kadima Ice Cream Social

Thursday, Apr. 30

Rabbi's Classes & Lectures

See website for listing & schedule

Men's Open Basketball

Every Tuesday

See Inside for Details

On These and Many More Events

MAJOR MARTIN ZWIEG



Sometimes being a rabbi offers the most unlikely kinds of perks. Recently, I was invited to participate in a remarkable ceremony. One of our own family, Marty Zweig,

was recently promoted to the rank of Major in the United States Park Police (Marty and Eileen: Mazel tov again!). Marty was gracious enough to invite me to offer the invocation at the promotion ceremony.

This was an incredible event. First of all, it's wonderful to see one of our own achieving so much. Sitting together with Cantor Rockman and Mark Kasdin, we were all beaming with pride. Even more, though, is the fact that Marty may be the very first Jew in the Park Police's history to achieve that rank, which is no small thing because the Park Police is the

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OUR BIG FUN JEWISH WEDDING

...The Honeymoon's Not Over Yet!

Congregation B'Nai Tikvah hosts dozens of weddings each year – but usually, they happen one couple at a time.

That wasn't the case on February 14th 2009, when fifty blushing brides and handsome grooms put on their wedding finery, stepped under the chupa, and took the leap, again... during our recent dinner/dance extravaganza, "My Big, Fun Jewish Wedding."

Billed as an ultra-romantic evening, the event began with an intimate cocktail hour featuring hors

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PESACH SERVICE SCHEDULE

April 8 Wednesday Morning 7:30AM Ta'anit Bekhorim-Fast of the Firstborn.

April 8 Wednesday 6:30PM Passover Service (at the synagogue)

April 9 Thursday 10:00AM Passover Service

April 9 Thursday 6:30PM Passover Service (at the synagogue)

April 10 Friday 10:00AM Passover Service

April 10 Friday Night 8:00PM Shabbat Chol Hamoed Passover

April 11 Saturday 9:30AM Shabbat Morning Service

April 11 Saturday 7:15PM Evening Service & Havdalah at the Rockmans'

April 14 Tuesday 7:30PM Passover Service

April 15 Wednesday 9:30AM Passover Service

April 15 Wednesday 8PM Passover Service

April 16 Thursday 9:30AM Passover Service (Yizkor)

April 16 Thursday 8:00PM Passover Service & Havdalah

Chag Pesach Kasher V'Sameach

WORDS OF THE RABBI *Rabbi Robert Wolkoff*

PROMOTION AT ELLIS ISLAND

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oldest national police organization in the country!

But even more: the service itself was held on Ellis Island, the place that so many of our ancestors—and probably Marty and Eileen's, for that matter—passed through on their way to the New World of America.

And more still. Marty's former responsibility was to be the head of security for...the Statue of Liberty!!! Lady Liberty has at her base a poem by a Jewish woman, Emma Lazarus. Many of us know it, but it behooves us to make sure that everyone, particularly our kids, know it, because it has inspired generation after generation of Americans, old and new:

"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses, yearning to breathe free..."

Isn't it just amazing that a child of those huddled masses has devoted his life to protecting that most precious symbol of our freedom—and now will be serving in Washington coordinating the efforts to protect all the storied wonders of America!

Like they say, "Only in America." And for this, we should thank G-d.

Here is the text of my prayer on that wonderful day. I thought perhaps you might want to make use of it on Passover, when we all will be discussing, and hopefully learning to fully appreciate, what it means to "breathe free."

"We are gathered together today on sacred ground. This is a place hallowed by hope, the hope of millions and tens of millions of Americans who came through this building. They came because of a dream, a dream of what America is, and a dream of what America could be.

It was a dream of beauty being accessible to all, not just a chosen elite.

It was a dream of safety, safety from the mob in the street, safety from a knock on the door in the middle of the night.

And above all, it was a dream of liberty, and human dignity.

As we all know, freedom is not free. And therefore I invoke G-d's blessings on you, the men and women of the United States Park Police.

May you be safe, and may your efforts be blessed with success as you safeguard that which is most

precious to us."

Amen.

With wishes for a pesach kasher v'sameach,

Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff

PS: A quick practical note for Passover. Another member of our family, Mike Brown, will be making available for purchase naturally and locally grown food. He will also help people grow their own from his seedlings. The food will be available from roughly mid-May through mid-October, and the seedlings from early May.

And among Mike's other offerings—the reason I'm mentioning it now—is that Mike will have homegrown horseradish available (in limited quantities) for Passover. Reserve yours now!

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Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach

Being your cantor is a great job with awesome responsibility. I enjoy the opportunity to serve you, which motivates me to improve and learn everyday. I am inspired by the music and the words of prayer that I sing with you. My search is for you as well as personal; I seek music that can inspire us, we need to reach our spiritual desires.

We are all experiencing unusually troubling times. The economic state of affairs in our country is touching all of us and we are all adjusting. What can you we do? Much that has been taken for granted must be addressed and the daily challenges which we and our neighbors confront will be understood in new way. Will music help? Music can transform and motivate us. I love music, and more than anything it soothes me and reminds me of the goodness of the world. Music is refreshing as a summer breeze and inspired by God.

MAMA DONI a FREE FAMILY CONCERT

In a few days (Sunday April 5th at 4PM) thanks to the generous support of L'dor Vador's donors, B'nai Tikvah will be hosting a FREE FAMILY CONCERT. The Mama Doni Band will perform on our bima. Mama Doni plays "funky Jewish music with a twist". She gets everyone smiling and feeling good about being Jewish!

It is our mission to teach our children about our love of our legacy. Your children will love this concert and want more and what's more, Mama Doni's music will add to their growing love of Judaism, the seed that you are so lovingly planted.

From this music, some day, with God's help, I pray that we will see our children sing and dance as they celebrate their contribution to building a better world through their love and understanding of Judaism. This is what I long for, and is the reason that I love this music.

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

Cantor Bruce Rockman

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Monday		7:30 PM Maariv
Tuesday		7:30 PM Maariv
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
		Apr 4 7:00 pm
		Apr 11 7:15 pm
		<i>At the Rockman's Home</i>
		Apr 18 6:45 pm
		<i>Seudah & Study</i>
		Apr 25 7:30 pm

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 12th of the preceding month

We recommend sending submissions and correspondence via e-mail to: Hakol.CBT@gmail.com

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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ANOTHER VIEWPOINT *Aaron Rosloff*

A Nun of One

I got a call a few weeks before Pesach last year from Sister Ann, the catholic Nun who arranges for all religious services for the various needs of the residents at Parker Memorial Home, a nursing facility in Piscataway. I became acquainted with Sister Ann in April 2004, when I brought Mili to live at the nursing home a few days before Passover.

It happened, coincidentally, that it was the very day that the residents were having their Passover Seder. Sister Ann makes the arrangements for the Seder a few days before the holiday because there is no way that they can have a Seder on the actual holiday, what with the residents not being able to hold one themselves and their family members not being able to attend either. So Sister Ann has to rely on someone who can lead a Seder and give the residents the Seder experience even if it's held a day or two beforehand.

I helped lead the Seder on the day that I brought Mili to Parker Home, and also for the following two years. In 2007 I was not available as I spent Passover in Israel with my daughter and her family. But in 2008, sure enough I got the call from Sister Ann again. I assured her that I would be there, but not only did I attend, I enlisted Rabbi Wolfson. It made a tremendous difference to have a real pro conduct the Seder. He was great.

But this story is not about me or the Rabbi. It's about the smiling gentle woman, who spends her days doing Tikun Olam, healing the world. Sister Ann alternates between the two locations of Parker Home; the one in Piscataway and another in New Brunswick. I had no idea that she was a nun until she told me that she was one. Dressed in a women's business suit of matching skirt and jacket with a white blouse, she would fit into any business office. But the resemblance to a business person stops there. Her gentle humanity and willingness to understand the needs and feelings of others, with no attempt to impose her own religious feelings or practices on other persuasions is exemplary.

Sister Ann did everything that she could to make the Seder as traditionally Jewish as possible, and enjoyed every minute. No doubt there are others like her in all religious and ethnic groups, but she is the one that I know.

A nun of one!

Federation Event:

Yom HaShoah Commemoration 2009
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Tuesday, April 21, 2009, 7:30 p.m. (location TBD)

(doors open at 6:30 p.m. for special exhibit)

We are seeking Artifacts, Photos & Memorabilia from Ashkenazi, Sephardi and Mizrahi Jewish Communities (from around the world before and during the Shoah).

All submissions should be accompanied by date, name(s) & locations. Send copies - photos cannot be returned.

For more information, contact Gabriela Sadote Sleppin at (732) 432-7711 ext. 23 or gsadote@jf-gmc.org

From The Webmaster

Please Accept the Yahoo Invitation

B'nai Tikvah maintains several email accounts at Yahoogroups.com for various purposes. Most are "private" for groups such as Sons of Tikvah, Men's Club, The Marketing Committee, etc. but, two of these accounts are designed to be used by all congregants.

1. The CBT Newsletter is distributed every Thursday and occasionally when a notice of a Shivah Minyan or Mitzvah is in order. We do our utmost to make these announcements brief, easy to read, and yet provide you with "what's happening". If you're not getting these announcements, please call the office or email office@bnaitikvah.org and ask for the newsletter.
2. The eGroup@BnaiTikvah.org is a general, uncensored, discussion group where opinions and information about our community are openly discussed. It's also a good place to share jokes, recipes, and ask for help or offer advice to your fellow congregants.

Since, the latter is a volunteer group, it has become somewhat of a sub-culture within the congregation for those wishing to reach out for help or make known to the community of non-synagogue related announcements of importance. In this economy, recent communications have tended to focus upon the availability of jobs and individuals looking for sources of income or ways to save money.

In an effort to make this forum available to more members, I will be sending "Yahoo Invitations" to all synagogue members who have registered their email address with the synagogue office. It is also possible for you to be part of this group (and have the ability to post messages) without having to receive mail from the group. As a member, you can check on recent postings by going to the Yahoo website: groups.yahoo.com/group/bnaitikvah/messages

More information about our online community can be found in the "About Us" section of our website (bnaitikvah.org) under the category of "communications".

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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

PURIM - THE PARTY AT CBT

Boy, we sure know how to party! Inflatable obstacle course, carnival games, hockey, alcohol, a little shopping at the gift shop, and tons of food, what more could we ask for? On



Sunday the shul was packed with people enjoying the Purim carnival, picking up their mishloach manot, and taste testing wines. On Monday about 100 BT members joined together for a festive meal and the reading of the Megillat Esther. The room was filled with costumed children and parents yelling and making all the noise they could. The groggers rang out as Haman's name was read. In fact, my ears are still ringing!



Our faithful volunteers made a fantastic dinner for all to enjoy. Thank you to all the volunteers for the evening: Stacey Rockman, Bobbi Binder, Gale Dillman, Marc Dillman, Elliott Danto, Jay Scheurer, Susan Miller,

and Sherry Valen. The whole shul got into the action as Ben Gottesman turned us all into rock stars. For those of you who didn't get a chance to see it, check the website for the fantastic Purim video that Ben

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A MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

Allison Nagelberg, VP Membership

Mazel Tov to:

Stephen and Renee Juro
On the Bar Mitzvah of their son Matthew

Chris and Kim Reimann
On the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Samantha

Spring and the Environment:

Many of us are already familiar with the wonderful projects done by Hadassah. In fact, many are already members.

This spring, we have an exciting opportunity to participate in Hadassah's annual educational symposium, where the keynote speaker will be our own Rabbi Robert Wolkoff. The theme for this year's symposium is the environment: "The Golden Jubilee" Restoring the Land.


Rabbi Wolkoff will be speaking on "Judaism and the Environment – The Bible and Beyond".

The event runs from May 3-May 4, 2009 at the Freehold Radisson; Rabbi will be speaking on May 4. Event details can be found in this Hakol on page 14 and the accompanying application insert.

All are welcome, regardless of membership in Hadassah. This will be an excellent opportunity to be enlightened by Rabbi Wolkoff, and to support one of our community's fine Jewish institutions.

For more information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Allison Nagelberg,
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Mazel Tov to our newest Torah Readers

On Saturday, March 14th, Emma Becker, Phil Kfare and Michael Shultz all read from the Torah at Junior Congregation, having completed months of study as part of the Torah Trope Club. They are now eligible to read Torah at Junior Congregation for Rosh Hashana services.

This group of students marks the 9th "graduation" of young Torah readers from the Club.

I am looking forward to having them read again many times over the next few years (until they start studying for their B'nai Mitzvot).

*Bobbi Binder
Torah Trope Club facilitator*

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The management and administration of the affairs of the Congregation shall be vested in a Board of Directors.

(CBT By-Laws, Article IX)

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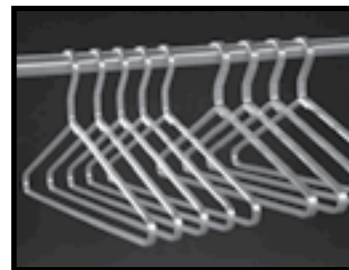
The Nominating Committee will be meeting soon to deliberate on the slate to be presented at the June Congregation Meeting. If you are interested in being considered for the Board, please email Danny Greenberg (greenbergd@verizon.net) by April 6th. Please indicate why you would like to serve on the Board. Thanks!

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College Connection Committee Update

Thank you to Andrea Katz, Lisa Suttner, Sheree Berk, Renee Levin, Mark Jiorle and Marc Eisenberg for your help in making and shipping the beautiful Purim Baskets to our participants. I'd also like to thank Jeff Schwartz for his generous donation of boxes and shipping tape. I'm sure the kids will be very happy with their goodies.

Bonnie Eisenberg



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JEWISH WEDDING

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d'oeuvres provided by Classical Caterers, and live music by the jazz band trio Music by Meadowrun Jazz Collective.

Afterwards, the party moved to the ballroom, which had been decked out in spectacular fashion with unique table arrangements specially created for the evening and donated by the party planners at Priceless Event Planning of South Brunswick.

Before long, it was time to (re)tie the knot in a beautiful ceremony officiated by Rabbi Wolkoff and Cantor Rockman. There wasn't a dry eye in the shul as the "betrothed" renewed their vows in an intimate, yet spiritually meaningful ceremony that reaffirmed their dedication to each other, as well as their on-going commitment to living meaningful Jewish lives.



After the ceremony, the gathered "newlyweds" were ready to boogie the night away! And dance they did! From the first "hora" to the very last slow dance (music provided by DJ Lonny of Noble Entertainment) – the parquet floor was smokin'!

The just-married duos were able to take home memories of their "wedding day" in a framed photo provided, gratis, from The Main Event of Marlboro, NJ. And what wedding would be complete without a sentimental champagne toast, which was delivered with charm and wit by Aaron Rosloff.

Like all events, this one would not have been possible without the efforts and talents of the wedding-party committee, which not only coordinated the entire evening – but in the eleventh hour, helped repurpose the event from its original intention, "a feel good get together," into a successful fundraiser for our synagogue. Kudos to

the committee for everything they did: Debbie Allen, Mirah Becker, Serena Blackin, Larry Cohen, Lauren Cohen, David Cukor, Marla Cukor, Amanda Dillman, Linda Fellen, Ben Gottesman, Renee Juro, Marina Lavender, Hope Peters, Ruth Shindler. Additionally, the night would not have been possible without the tireless efforts and help of Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff, Cantor Bruce Rockman, Lynne Weiss-Marshall, Gary Bergman, Phil Welscher, Jeff Schwartz and Cindy Gittleman.

Ask anyone who went – this evening wasn't just a blast, it was a magical bit of party alchemy that won't easily be recreated. It was also a testament to the warm and closeknit community that makes our congregation singularly unique and special. If you missed it, you missed a truly special event. Luckily – we're already starting to plan next year's gala....So start polishing your dancing shoes....we've only just begun.

Marla Cukor

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PLEASE JOIN US in assisting members of our community who have experienced or are facing job loss!

The Jewish Federation, the Jewish Family and Vocational Service, the Jewish Social Service, and community synagogues are organizing an employment assistance program called:

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- 1) The program provides job search support and practical tips.
- 2) All are invited, and participants may attend any number of sessions at any location.
- 3) No fee.
- 4) Confidentiality will be honored.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

- 1) Monday, March 30, 7:30 pm
Anshe Emeth Memorial Temple
- 2) Wednesday, April 22, 7:30 pm
East Brunswick Jewish Center
- 3) Tuesday, April 28, 9:30 am
Highland Park Conservative Temple

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Everybody Eats When They Come to My House!

By Stacey Rockman

I love to cook. I love how it makes my house smell and I love putting it on the table. I know I make too much food and I love watching my husband grin as I put all of the food out as he asks- “how many people were you expecting?”



A few years ago I taught a cooking class at Bnai Tikvah. Four women who I did not know very well signed up and we cooked and laughed and had a great time. I expected a similar experience this time around, but what happened is 5 of my friends actually paid to spend a 4 evenings with me to cook and laugh and have a good time.

We have made soups, appetizers, side dishes and desserts. Each week we have to refocus so we can get back to the task at hand. We have talked about how our children are in the grocery store and we have talked about what we like to put into our Purim baskets. Even on the Thursday that I had a terrible day, these great women made me laugh and have a good time. The truth is- we all know how to cook. One of the women prefers to measure things out



more than I do and one of the women is more artistic so she was in charge of the lattice work on this fancy mushroom torte we made, but we all share a passion for food. This class has been a labor of love and laughter for us all.

Watch Hakol for the announcement of my next class and please consider joining us for us for the joy, friendship and delicious food, we always have a great time!



**May 3-4
2009**

**Spring Conference 2009
"The Golden Jubilee"
Restoring the Land
Sunday May 3, 2009**



**Radisson Hotel
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8:45 am Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:30 am Region Awards and Board Meeting
Elections, Showcasing and Trophy Ceremony
12:30 pm Gala Luncheon – "The Golden Jubilee"
Outgoing Chapter/Group Presidents Recognition, Associates Recognitions and Raffle Drawings
2:00 pm Installation of 2009-2010 New Region President and Officers

**Installing Officer: Selma Mammen
Past Region President, National Honorary Council**

Keynote Speaker:

Nancy Falchuk

Hadassah National President

"A Salute to Hadassah Southern New Jersey Region"

■ Golden Jubilee Celebrations ■ Tribute to the Region's Past Presidents

4:00 pm Concluding Remarks

Monday May 4, 2009

8:45 a.m.- Registration & Continental Breakfast
Featured Education Symposium Workshops

Keynote Speaker:

Rabbi Robert Wolkoff

Congregation B'Nai Tikvah, North Brunswick

"Judaism and the Environment—The Bible and Beyond"

Symposium Workshops

Luncheon Panel Discussion

"Tikkun Olam: Jewish Responsibility: What Can We Do?"

SESSION I

10:00 to 11:00

A. "Bubbeleh, Let's EatOrganic?"

Dr. Maya Shetreat-Klein,

Pediatric Neurologist and Owner of Mitzvah Meat

B. Making a Difference:

Putting a Green Belt Around Our Cities

Linda R. Greenstein,

**Assistant Majority Leader and Deputy Speaker
New Jersey General Assembly**

C. Greening Your Life: Think Globally, Act Locally

Marc Rogoff,

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

SESSION II

11:00 to 12:00

D. Tend God's Garden...or Face the Consequences

Mark G. Robson, Ph.D., M.P.H.,

**Dean of Agricultural Programs and Environmental Sciences
Rutgers University**

E. Cultivating the Holy Land:
The Environment as a Bridge to Peace

David Weisberg,

Executive Director, Friends of the Arava Institute

F. It's Not Easy Being Green....Why It's Worth the Effort

Tina Weishaus,

Global Warming Educator,



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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS *Ann Kanarek, Director*

PASSOVER MITZVAH HEROES

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Our **HEI students** are not only mitzvah superstars but also **PASSOVER HEROES**. They participated in a special Passover tzedakah project and discovered their potential to do good deeds. Their teachers, **Keren Kapoano** and **Judith Luger** introduced and explored the concept of the first mitzvah of Passover and emphasized the Jew's responsibility to help others. As "law abiding Jews," especially at Pesach, it is customary to purchase grain or collect money to distribute among the poor (so that they have Matzah) for the holiday.

Ma'ot Chitim, which literally means "*Money for Wheat*" is a special fund, which provides for people for whom the purchase of sufficient wine, matzah, meat, and fish is an unaffordable luxury particularly at Pesach time. This way everyone can enjoy the holiday at home with specially marked, Kosher L'Pesach foods. This mitzvah of collecting "grain money" is usually an act of kindness that goes beyond the regular gifts to tzedakah that Jews make throughout the year.

Indeed, there are many in our community who cannot afford to enjoy Pesach in the way many of us take for granted. Together as a class, the students decided to give a significant amount of their tzedakah money for Ma'ot Chitim. This will make it possible for the less fortunate to conduct their own Seder and have the essentials necessary for the celebration of Pesach in a festive manner.

Congratulations to our Hei class. Not only do they recognize the benefit of helping others in need, they also exhibit caring and loving behavior each week in the classroom. Keep up the great work, we are all proud of you.

Best wishes to everyone for a Happy and Kosher Pesach!!



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Today Rabah to all our candy sellers and volunteers, we can all be proud of ourselves and give ourselves a loud cheer!

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, April 5 - Sunday, April 15:
No Religious school due to PASSOVER and SPRING BREAK.
Classes will resume on SUNDAY, APRIL 19.

We have a busy Spring. Here are some upcoming events that you don't want to "Pass Over"

Sunday, April 19:
Hei special program:
AJC sponsors Through the Eyes of a Friend

Friday, May 1:
Bet Class Shabbat Dinner, 6:30pm and Service, 8:00pm

Sunday, May 3:
Chai School Orientation for Hei students and their parents.
Second Grade Parents Orientation to Alef class (10:00am-10:25am): Next year your children will begin a new phase of our Religious School. Please join us for a brief orientation to our ALEF curriculum, new class schedule, junior congregation requirements and discussion about your role as parents.

Sunday, May 8:
ALEF CONSECRATION CEREMONY, 7:00pm-8:00pm

Sunday, May 10:
Gimel class Model wedding ceremony, 11:30am

Saturday, May 16:
Dalet Class Jr. Congregation Shabbat Service; 10:30am

Monday, May 18:
Hei class siyum ceremony and
Chai graduation service, 7:30pm

Wednesday, May 20:
Last day of religious school

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PHYLLIS DENENBERG, DIRECTOR

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New for next year! Monday through Friday 2 ½ year old half day or full day programs.

Class days and hours can be scheduled to accommodate your needs. You may choose from 2, 3 or 5 day classes, 9-12:00 (includes the core curriculum), 9:00-1:00 (includes core curriculum plus our lunch enrichment program- Rhymes and Rainbows) or 9:00-3:15 (includes all the above plus a special time from 1:00-3:15 for rest and play). You also have the early and late stay options from 7:30 AM- 6:00 PM. Revised application forms are available in the office. Please tell your friends!!

I would like to thank Elisa Burness, Jennifer Manson, Syndi Smoller and their carnival committee for all their behind the scenes work for our Purim carnival. It was the most spectacular carnival ever. Thanks to great fundraising, we are the proud owners of our own bounce house! The gym was decorated beautifully and the booths "manned" by many PAC volunteers. We had many more booths than in previous years. Kudos to all the families who contributed prizes and made monetary donations to purchase needed items that enhanced the carnival. We wish to thank all those who loaned us games for our new booths.

Yasher Koach to Rabbi Wolkoff, Cantor Rockman and Rabbi Garfinkel of Temple Beth El in Somerset (Sari's dad) for a great Megillah reading. The children and their families really enjoyed it.

Please check out our website for pictures of our carnival and our Megillah Reading.

At Purim time, when it was an extra special mitzvah to give tzedakah (Matanot Lievyonim), our classes contributed \$180 to Jewish Family Services for their Passover Food Drive. That will take care of five families for Pesach!

Through Jewish Family Services, our school will be sponsoring one particular Jewish family; a single Mom with a one year old, a four yr. old and a five year old. We will find out what their needs are and help them with our tzedakah money.

We also sent \$100 to MIPH for the homeless families in Middlesex County. We teach our children about charity, to help others less fortunate.

Our school is now preparing for another holiday, Pesach. Soon everyone will be cleaning and sweeping just like their parents do at home. The



children will be taught the FOUR Questions—the Ma Nishtanah. Why is this night different from all other nights? The answers to those questions will be learned in the story of Passover when the Jews were slaves in Egypt and eventually made their "Exodus" into the desert.

Each class will have their own seder. Projects are being made to enhance the seders. Parents are invited. Save the dates! The Pre-K class and both 3 year old classes will have their seders on Monday, April 6th. The 2 ½ year old class will have their seder on Tuesday, April 7th. Invitations will be sent home soon.

School will be closed for Pesach vacation from Wednesday April 8th through April 17th. Classes will resume on Monday, April 20th.

In conjunction with Earth Day that is celebrated on April 22nd, we will be collecting used, broken crayons for recycling starting on the 20th. If you have any, please bag (brown bag please: it's biodegradable) and bring them to the nursery office. These crayons will be made into fancy shaped crayons that we will sell as a fundraiser. These recycled crayons can be for your families and are great gifts for others too!

On Tuesday, April 21st, the 3 year old classes and the Pre-K will be going by bus to the State Theatre to see "The Ant and the Elephant".

On Wednesday, April 29th we will celebrate Israel Independence Day, Yom Ha'atzmaut, with our annual parade. The children will make banners and Israeli flags. We would like to invite you to come as a participant or as a spectator. Weather permitting, it will take place in the front of the shul at 11:30 AM.

On behalf of all of us at the JCC Nursery School, we wish you a "Chag Kasher Visameach"!

Phyllis

CONGREGATION EVENTS & INFORMATION

The JCC of North and South Brunswick Nursery School Testimonial Letter from a Satisfied Customer

Dear Parents,

The first time I walked into the school to meet with the Director, Phyllis Denenberg, to have a tour, I was immediately impressed. The majority of the teachers at the JCC, have been teaching there for over 20 years. Many of the teachers at the JCC have children who attended nursery school there ... The academic program is most impressive and I still marvel at the things my son learned here. This is a school atmosphere where children are taught a love of learning.

I work full time and therefore, my son was in early and late stay. Can you imagine arriving at school to pick up your child from late stay and hearing them say I am not ready to go home yet, I want to stay and keep playing? It wasn't just my son who often said this but other children as well. The children loved to be there!

We are Jewish so this was very important to me that my son attend a school with a Jewish studies program. In addition to the extensive education the children get around Judaism, the JCC fosters the education of Jewish values.

When children display inappropriate behavior, teachers and aides explain to them why they can't do what they are doing and then redirect them to something they can do. The children are taught to respect themselves and others.

There is a positive spin put on everything at the JCC. This positive energy resonates in the classrooms and the hallways. You feel it when you are there, dropping off or picking up your children or attending the wonderful events at the school like the mother's day tea and the Passover Seder. By the end of pre-k, my son knew all his Hebrew letters, could count to 20 in Hebrew and was able to write his Hebrew name in Hebrew.

I really and truly cannot say enough about the teachers at the JCC – they truly love and nurture the children like mothers in every sense of the word. When someone truly loves what they do, it shows. They tirelessly toil to provide a wonderful experience for the children each and every day in school.

If you decide to send your child to the JCC, you should purchase a chest in which to put all the marvelous projects they will make, the likes of which you have never seen. The projects are so beautiful I

constantly hung them about our home and framed several of them.

You can count on this director to constantly surprise you. Phyllis is very innovative and loves what she does! She has arranged for city vehicles to visit the school (imagine the fun for kids to climb up in a real fire engine, garbage truck or police car?). A farm brought a Mother Hen, Father Chicken and 12 eggs in an incubator and introduced them to all the classes. The entire school buzzed with excitement as they lined up to look each day to see the first, second and finally all 12 chicks pushed their way out of their shells looking all skinny and wet and within a few hours, were dry, soft and fluffy and yellow!

Martha S Edelman

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A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE

THE SWITCH

(Laugh at Life – It Laughs at us)

Arlene Shulman

I have a floor lamp in my bedroom next to my vanity table that hasn't been working properly for a while. My husband, Jerry, changed the bulb, checked the outlet and decided that the floor on-off switch was defective. Being the handyman that he is, he went to Home Depot and purchased a black, round floor-switch replacement and that is where my story begins.

I saw the empty package from the switch in the kitchen but paid no attention to it. Actually, I was very delighted that he moved so quickly to get a replacement. The next day, he asked me if I saw the switch. I honestly answered no, also knowing what was coming. He could not find it and we both started the usual missing item search. When neither of us found it, it became his turn to blame me for losing it! He said, "I put it down right here, and as usual, you cleaned up." I said, "well, if you cleaned up some time, maybe I wouldn't have to move your things, etc., etc." I must be honest and tell you that we've played this scenario out many times with one of us accusing the other and we know exactly what to say.

Even though this item could be easily replaced at Home Depot, it was very upsetting for it to be lost so quickly. I knew I was not responsible, but still searched the house after dark for the switch but didn't turn up anything.

A couple of days later, while we were both standing in the kitchen near the sink, I reached for my little trusty tea pot that I use to brew my two cups of tea in. I removed the cover, poured in the boiling water and put in my tea bag. When I went to return the cover to the pot, I noticed that it looked different. Yep, it was the switch! It fit the pot perfectly and the actual cover was on the drying rack. I held it up to Jerry and said "SORRY!"

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The 8th Grade Shabbaton was a huge success! We had 8 members out of our Chapter attend.

Thanks to all the parent volunteers & host families.

April 5 – Chocolate Seder

w/ the East Windsor Chapter. Check for details in the newsletter & weekly emails.

April 19 – Red Green Blue, 4 Hulfish St, Princeton from 3-4:30 pm. No transportation to the event.

The cost is \$20. RSVP by 4/13.

April 30 – Kadima Ice Cream Social & games

w/ the 5th Graders in the Youth Lounge from 7-8:30 pm. RSVP by 4/27.



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. Always accepting new members all year round! Membership applications are available on <http://bnaitikvah.com/youth.html>.

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.

Jordana Andersen (732) 422-7457

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April 24-26 – Spring Convention

Somerset Crowne Plaza

(Deadline for this Convention was March 20)

To all of those who are going...HAVE FUN!!!!



May 3 – Klezmer Band Battle

This event is coming together very nicely, please keep checking in to see all new information!



May 9 – Israeli Iron Chef

Think you have what it takes?

Can you stand the heat?

Come show of your skills in the kitchen!



May 16 – Closing Dance

Springfield

USY would like to thank the Sisterhood for their most appreciated donation. Without the great support from the congregation, we would not be able to do as much as we do. Thank you!

N/S Brunswick USY thanks all of those who volunteered and made the Purim Carnival as successful as it was. I hope that everyone had a great time at the Carnival and will be coming out for years to come!

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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Wine Sale Pick-up

Passover wine will be available for pick-up in the Gift Shop on Wednesday April 1 and Thursday April 2 from 7:00pm – 8:15pm.

April 26, 2009 - History of English Tea

Discover the fascinating history of this much-loved beverage! Tea was first introduced to England in the 17th century. At first it was used for medicinal purposes and sold in London's early coffee houses. Only when Catherine of Braganza (an avid tea drinker) of Portugal married England's Charles II did tea become a social beverage. In 1840, Anna the 7th Duchess of Bedford is credited with inventing



the custom of Afternoon Tea, a tradition that was embraced by Queen Victoria. Understand the difference between High Tea and Afternoon Tea and learn proper tea etiquette and customs.

We're collecting fun, healthy snacks for kids. Help the food pantry stock up on pre-summer items for kids.

SISTERHOOD ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to thank everyone who participated in Sisterhood Shabbat this year whether is was being part of the service or part of the kitchen crew.

We would also like to acknowledge the friends of Lynne WeissMarshall who were kind enough to give donations in her honor:

Roz & Phil Fischman	Sherry Valen
Janice & Jerry Saferstein	Ilene & Phil Rothman
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It is a great event that is a must attend. This year they will be inducting writer and sportscaster, Dick Schaap. Mr. Schaap is the father of our congregant Renee Levin. Also already an inducted member is former football great Marshall Goldberg, uncle of congregant Lynn Biderman.

For those who would like to car pool, information will be made available prior to the event.

Yom Hashoah

Holocaust Remembrance Day

Monday, April 20th at sundown through
Tuesday, April 21st evening.

The Men's Club will be distributing candles to the congregation.

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Professor Pomper was educated at Columbia and Princeton and has been a Fulbright or visiting professor at Tel-Aviv University, Oxford, and the Australian National University. He has been at Rutgers for 40 years and chairman of the University and Livingston College political science departments for 9 years. He continues to teach regularly at Rutgers and other institutions.

We also have coming in May a celebration of "Yom Ha'atzmaut" with Klezmer music and a light Israeli dinner Sunday, May 3, 2009, 4:30 P.M. 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 will be Adults \$15 and Children \$10 (pre-bar mitzvah children will be free).



Bonnie Kudwitt continues to list and sell items on eBay.

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PURIM; The Party at Congregation B'nai Tikvah

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put together starring many of our very own BT cast. And finally, USY reminded us of our obligation to help the needy as they sold



mac-n-cheese boxes to use as groggers which were then donated to the soup kitchen.

And now, a few interesting facts about Purim....Did you know that the expression "the whole megillah" comes from Purim? The entire megillah must be read twice for Purim, once at night and once the following morning.

Did you know that the Megillat Esther is the only holy Jewish book that does not mention G-d? Did you know that in walled cities, like the Persian city in which the story of Purim first took place, Purim is celebrated a day later than it is in the rest of the world, on the 15th of Adar? Today, the only recognized walled cities celebrating the later Purim date are Jerusalem, Hebron and the Old City of Tzfat in northern Israel.



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APRIL = PASSOVER

Another winter has been placed in the past tense. We can be grateful that there were only a few days of snow. My apologies to all businesses, both great and small, that depended upon snow days for plowing, selling those shovels, etc. However, I, for one, was never a winter's fan. I've always hated the cold, wet snow and all things related to it. That has included winter apparel, windshield scrapers, driving in inclement weather. Slipping and sliding on icy roads at the pre-dawn hour of 6:30 a.m. has never been my idea of the way to start a day. Until my husband, and many of you know him, is convinced to move to a warmer climate (as snowbirds do), I'll continue to bite my tongue and watch my step.

Let's return to better thoughts. Yea, it's spring! Crocuses and tulips will begin to emerge through the ground after a long winter's nap. Trees will similarly show new growth. It's also time to check the lawn mowers since the grass will grow, too. Because it's April you know the old saying: "April showers bring May flowers." We also celebrate Passover/Pesach this month. Set your calendars, April 8th is the first Seder. Time to make those plans, those menus and those guest lists (if not already done).

Before the first Seder our homes require a major cleaning of chumetz. We purchase the cleaning agents as well as the foods that are Kosher for Passover. Every year it seems like there are more and more innovations with Passover foods. Not only is the variety more diversified, but the availability is easier, too. Our local supermarkets usually prepare for our holiday well in advance. They dedicate separate



spaces that display Passover foods and other goods. This makes it easier to find what we need.

When preparing your list(s) include the Passover items. Before setting out to go shopping purchase enough Supermarket Gift Cards (SGCs) to cover your needs. Our participating vendors include: A&P, Acme, Pathmark, Shop Rite, Stop & Shop, Whole Foods and Lox, Stock & Deli (LS&D). It's easy to purchase SGCs. Here's how:

- stopping by the SGC committee table during Sunday religious school hours;
- visit the synagogue office during business hours;
- going on-line at bnaitikvah.org;
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This month's tip: I know that I must sound like a "broken record" when I encourage you all to help your local food pantries at different holidays. Well, this will be no different, except for two slight variations. First, our local food pantries need our donations all year long, not just at holiday times. Our current economy has adversely affected the stock (or lack thereof) on their shelves. Not only do they need to provide assistance, but as the economy worsens, the requests for this help have dramatically increased. Second, rather than donating a Seder meal, purchase extra SGCs and donate these to the food pantry of your choice. This gives the individual pantry personnel the freedom to purchase necessities to compensate for lower stock on their shelves. If you have questions about this, just contact one of the above listed committee members. They will gladly assist you.

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