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Friday, Sept 4 6:30 PM

Slichot Prayer, Music & Dessert

Saturday, Sept 12 9:00 PM

Rejoice 2009

Sunday, Sept 13 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Woodlot Park, South Brunswick

Judaica Shop Sidewalk Sale

Sunday, Sept 20 9:00 AM

Raise the Roof - Sukkah Building

Sunday, Sept 27 9:00 AM

Men's Open Basketball

Every Tuesday

See Inside for Details

On These and Many More Events

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A Sense of Community

Pre-School at B'nai tikvah

Following my first Congregational/Budget Meeting this July, I felt compelled to write to you about the significance of our pre-school program to both our synagogue and our community at large.

We are all motivated by different factors to seek "a sense of community" and have found it here at B'nai Tikvah. Yet, community means different things and fulfills different needs for different people. We must remember that a community thrives only when the needs of all of its members are met.

Personally, our search began as a young family looking for a welcoming community that would embrace our noisy toddler. What we found was a warm welcome into the B'nai Tikvah family, as well as an inviting pre-school that was there when I needed it most.

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2009 Solomon Schechter Awards

Congratulations to us! We are proud to announce that Congregation B'nai Tikvah has won 4 awards in the 2009 USCJ Solomon Schechter Awards Program. We won:

Gold in Worship and Ritual for the Answer Cancer with a Prayer Program

Gold in Celebrations and Dedications for REJOICE

Gold in Performing Arts for Sons of Tikvah

Honorable mention in Family Education for Family Shabbat/Torah Trope/Minchah and Munchies programs

The Solomon Schechter Awards

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Kol HaKavod....

In Hebrew, "Kol HaKavod", (all the honor), is a term used to praise someone's efforts. At B'nai Tikvah, we have many volunteers whose efforts go unnoticed to most of the congregation. We decided to publish a column every month to acknowledge some of those people...

Our first "Kol HaKavod" goes to Serena Blackin. Serena is not just the smiling face behind the counter in Sisterhood's gift shop. She is also the volunteer who coordinates and delivers gift baskets to all new members. She purchases the

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Schedule of Services

Rosh Hashanah

Friday, September 18 Erev Rosh Hashanah

Candle lighting	6:45 pm
Mincha/Maariv	6:30 pm

Saturday, September 19 1st day Rosh Hashanah

Shacharit	9:00 am
Mincha/Maariv	6:45 pm

Sunday, September 20 2nd day Rosh Hashanah

Shacharit	9:00 am
Tashlich	5:30 pm
Mincha/Ma'ariv/Havdalah	6:30 pm

Yom Kippur

Sunday, September 27 Erev Yom Kippur

Candle lighting	6:28 pm
Mincha and Kol Nidre	6:00 pm

Monday, September 28 Yom Kippur

Shacharit	9:30 am
Yizkor	after Torah Service
Mincha/Ne'ilah/Maariv	4:45 pm
Final Shofar blown (Ending Fast)	approx. 7:45 pm

WORDS OF THE RABBI *Rabbi Robert Wolkoff*

I Remember That Painting

In the home of my grandfather, of blessed memory, was a painting that had a great effect on my life. It was a depiction of five traditional Jews arguing over a page of Talmud. One is passionately making a point, another is just as passionately waving off his idea as nonsense. One is listening intently, another is listening with bemusement, and a third is just kibbitzing the whole discussion.

I remember asking my grandfather what it all meant. I'll never forget his answer: Whenever people discuss Torah, he said, G-d is present. I didn't know then that my grandfather was quoting Pirkey Avot 3:2, but it makes no difference—"the wisdom of our fathers" is the wisdom of our fathers, and it doesn't specify /which/ fathers, our rabbis of old or our grandfathers. Our tradition teaches us to respect wisdom, and my grandfather sure had it. That much I knew.

That painting teaches us a great deal about the nature of civil discourse. In fact, it teaches us a great deal about /sacred/ discourse. It teaches us that we can argue passionately and pointedly (one of the participants is in fact forcefully pointing, literally, at the text of the Talmud), and still help G-d to be present. Why? Because in a discussion like this we are seeking the Truth, and the Truth is hard to find. We all share an obligation to uncover it, and when we dig, the dirt flies.

I remember that painting often, with great love and appreciation, but also with a certain sadness these days, considering how different the intellectual climate is in our world. I'm thinking in particular of the health care "debate." "Debate," of course, is an ridiculously dignified description of what in truth is at best an ugly mudfight in the political gutter. Instead of reasoned discourse, we have people shouting obscenities at town meetings, militias gearing up to fight the "socialist takeover," descriptions of political opponents as "Nazis" and "brownshirts," terminally confused people yelling, "Tell the government to keep its hands off my Medicare." And then, of course, there's that intellectual beacon, Sarah Palin, talking about government enforced "death panels."

As Bernie Mooney described it, crazy and stupid have joined forces.

It's not that there aren't two reasonable sides to the real debate. Of course there are. Healthcare is an extraordinarily complex topic (like so many other issues we face today). It demands the best of our intellectual and moral capacities—a demand which,

tragically, is not being fulfilled. G-d's Presence isn't hovering over this discussion as it would if Truth were being sought. It's ducking for cover so it doesn't get caught in the crossfire while the mud—and worse—is being slung.

All of which brings to mind another piece of wisdom from our ancestors: "A certain sage was asked, 'What is your prime goal in life?' He answered, 'To avoid fools.'"

We, our country, and the world, deserve so much better. In the new year, may we dedicate ourselves to discussions for the sake of heaven, and maybe, just maybe, we can bring a little bit of heaven down to earth.

Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff

PS: For a taste of a real Talmudic discussion, a search for truth for the sake of heaven, join our monthly Talmud class, beginning Oct. 18.



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GETTING TO KNOW:

Sam & Ann Rosenzweig

By Ann Gold

She's the smiling woman who sits in the lobby; dispensing "honors" cards on the High Holy Days.

He's the white-robed congregant on the bimah; reading the Torah scroll and performing parts of the cantorial service.

We're lucky to have so many dedicated couples supporting B'nai Tikvah; and Sam and Ann Rosenzweig are exemplary among them.



Ann and Sam joined Shari Shalom in 1978; and when the synagogue merged with Beth Shalom and North Brunswick to found B'nai Tikvah became founding members here. He was a Board member; is chairman of the Constitution Committee; and does Torah reading on Shabbat. (He proudly recalls having been MIT Hillel's original Torah reader.) She has been Sisterhood president and its gift shop buyer; she's still on its board and is active on the ritual and gift card (scrip) committees. She also serves on the region and national committees of Woman's League for Conservative Judaism; and once devised a cataloging system for Judaic libraries that has been used at Rutgers Library School.

Their togetherness started in Boston when she, a native of the area, and he, a PH.D candidate at MIT, met at their friends' wedding. She invited him for a home-cooked meal; he tutored her in math. They became bridge partners...and then partners for life. Next August will be their 50th wedding anniversary.

Of course, they also have individual preferences. Sam relaxes with his stamp collection, puzzles and music; Ann, with needlework, reading and medical TV shows. (She recommends "anything by Fay Kellerman" and the "Rashi's Daughters" trilogy. He finds Eats, Shoots and Leaves "very entertaining" and educational.) Torah Fund pins are her best-loved tchatchkes; she has many...and they rotate in her affections.

What different career might they have enjoyed? "Getting my nursing degree or finishing my library degree," she replies. She's still a non-degree librarian. He thinks, perhaps, political consultant or, if he were

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OUR HAZZAN'S VOICE *Cantor Bruce Rockman*

Today, you have made Me anew

On Rosh Hashanah God will say to Israel, to all humanity, "My children, I look upon you as if today, you have made Me anew; as if today I created you, a new being, a new people, a new humanity". Rosh Hashanah is the day when we get another chance, when the New Year means a new time in which to be good.

This summer Stacey and I spent a week in Jerusalem. As Shabbat approached our ancient city, the setting sun turned the limestone monuments on the Mount of Olives golden. We welcomed the Sabbath Bride on the steps facing the "Southern Wall" where our ancestors entered the city with their offerings. As we turned, all at once; I was my ancient brother, bringing my prayers from afar, proclaiming the greatness of God, just as he did.

We express our passion for each other by our actions and therefore I pray to become more responsive to God and to you, by making my expressions of faith understandable and motivating to your souls.

While we too have suffered from the current economic conditions we are still in a position to be part of the solution. The strength of our congregation is our heart and ability to fill the void. Yes, times are more challenging than most of us can remember, but your value has never been greater. We can ask God for strength and reach out to your neighbor. We can all do good.

We and all of humanity have experienced some of the most turbulent, life altering events in our times. Financial challenges are a great motivator for self examination. Victims of this economic crisis are challenged daily to make ends meet. Still we, who can help, must do our part; it is our mission, to make fix the world.

Being in Israel this year brought me great pride, self awareness and joy beyond my expectations. I thank you for motivating me, participating in the life of my family and trusting me with yours. We all aspire to do good, acts of kindness. May we all find strength from our prayer and continue to grow stronger connections to God, our families, the Jewish people and to Israel, the land of brothers and sisters.

Next year in Jerusalem is not an empty prayer. Even though most of us do not expect to make our permanent homes in Israel, we are grateful and treasure the existence of the modern state, our support enabling the existence of a Jewish country in Israel. We are codependent and comforted by our mutual contributions towards a better and more

secure life for Jews throughout the world.

Thank you for reading and considering my thoughts.

Draw us Closer

Help us convert our convictions into conduct and our commitments into deeds

Help us to narrow the gap between our principles and our practices, between our aspirations and our actions

Keep us from blaming others for our faults; help us to heal the wounds we have thoughtlessly inflicted.

L'shana Tova Tekateivu,

May you be inscribed for a healthy, happy and meaningful New Year

Cantor Bruce Rockman

Friday Night Plugged-In



Special Time

6:30PM



September 4th

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The JCC of North & South Brunswick

SCHEDULE OF DAILY SERVICES

Sunday	9:00 AM Shahareet	7:30 PM Maariv
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
		Mincha/Maariv/Havdallah
Saturday	9:30 AM Shabbat	Sept 5 7:00 pm
		Sundaes on Saturday
		Sept 12 Mincha follows Kiddush
		Sept 19 Maariv 9:00pm
		Sept 19 Rosh Hashanah
		Sept 26 6:30 pm

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

HAKOL

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

All Submissions for **HAKOL** are due by the 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 must 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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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Ruth Anne Koenick

Much of my B'nai Tikvah time in the past six months has been spent worrying about the budget, the increasing impact the world financial situation is having on our congregants, and what if anything we can do to lessen that impact and keep B'nai Tikvah as a lifeline for each of us. I've given this a lot of thought and I keep coming back to what I think is the key ingredient and that is we need to engage every member of B'nai Tikvah in creating success for us both as individuals and collectively.

Last week, I received a letter from the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, informing me that we had been awarded, four, yes four Solomon Schechter Awards. Up until last fall I didn't know these awards existed but Cindy Gittleman mentioned them at a Board of Directors meeting and Beth Schurman decided to champion this project. With the help of others, particularly those involved in each project, Beth was determined to get us the recognition we deserve so she completed the applications along with the Rabbi who wrote about the Answer Cancer With a Prayer program. These awards are given to the best synagogue programming and are national awards from United Synagogue, the umbrella organization that works with over 700 conservative synagogues throughout the world. The awards, named after the founder of United Synagogue honored our Sons of Tikvah Band, the 1st Annual Rejoice Festival, the Answer Cancer With a Prayer program, and in the Family Education area, our longstanding Family Shabbot, Torah Trope and Sundaes on Saturday (Mincha and Munchies).

For me, these programs are really about a willingness to step up and take some leadership. Susan Komives, a professor at The University of Maryland defines leadership as "a relational process of people together attempting to accomplish change or make a difference to benefit the common good." These programs and the individuals, staff and volunteers, who worked to make them successful are the epitome of leaders at our congregational home. They work in a collaborative way, they are empowering and purposeful, and they are ethical....key ingredients in relational leadership.

I hope that you will join them, using your creativity, passion, and skills to continue helping to make B'nai Tikvah thrive. In the coming year, may we all be blessed with good health, a life filled with peace, and the strong spirit of volunteerism.

B'Shalom, Ruth Anne

**LAST YEAR OVER 3,000 PEOPLE CAME,
 THIS YEAR COME REJOICE WITH US AGAIN!**



**REJOICE 2009 - Sunday, September 13,
 at Woodlot Park, South Brunswick, from 11 am to 6 pm.**

From The Webmaster

Calendar / Planner

By now you all should have received the new Calendar / Planner for 5770. This was formerly known as the Calendar/ Handbook, as it contained a basic outline of all the services and facilities offered at B'nai Tikvah. Since all of that information (and more) can now be found on our website (bnaitikvah.org), it was decided to use that space to highlight the various activities that occur each month. We hope you find these changes to be helpful in planning your family's activities with what B'nai Tikvah has to offer.

Weekend Announcements

We hope that by the time you read this, you will notice a big change in the way you are receiving the emailed Weekend Announcements. The announcements are now being formatted in HTML, as opposed to plain text, through the use of a service known as "Constant Contact". This fee paid service was donated by a congregant who felt that many of our important messages were not being read by a majority of recipients. There are so many different ways that people read and manage their email, that we cannot be sure if what we're doing will have an overall positive effect. It is very important during this initial stage, that you report any difficulties you may have with this new system. Any suggestions you may have as to the style and format of the messages would also be greatly appreciated. One thing that will remain constant, is the unique tagline placed at the end of every message by yours truly.

Gary Bergman
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ANOTHER VIEWPOINT

Looking Back

The cotton ball clouds rolled past under the wings of my jet and beneath the clouds I could see the crackled surface of our western desert, like a box of corn flakes spread on the ground. I would soon land at Philadelphia on my way home, but the six hour flight from California gave me time to look back and review some of the stills, stories and events of my life.

I was returning from the funeral of my youngest brother Joe, who died after just a few weeks of illness. Well, not exactly. He knew that he had pancreatic cancer, a condition that is difficult to treat, but he withheld this sad information until the symptoms were undeniable.

He stood over six feet tall, with a barrel chest, but as big as he was he was nimble on his feet and enjoyed life to the fullest. Joe was movie star handsome and could sing like Enzio Pinza, with a lush baritone voice that made him the star of many shows that were produced for the entertainment of the residents of his Florida community and environs. He called me a few weeks before he died and said he was not feeling well. When I asked him if he was still singing and he answered no, I knew that he was in deep trouble.

Joe was in the US Navy during WWII, and during the Korean War he was in the Army and saw action as a medic. A few years after the Korean War he opened a medical laboratory in Hobart, Indiana in an outpatient clinic. The laboratory was a financial success despite the fact that he never turned anyone away because they couldn't afford the fees.

By any standards he was a mensch. Joe enjoyed life and was loved by all who knew him, except those who felt his generosity was excessive. (Yes, there are a few among us who are that way.) Joe loved children and they loved him back. He was a story teller and he would make up comic stories that would make the kids double up with laughter. And they would climb all over him while he was entertaining them, much to his delight.

In our close but extended family, Joe was the joyful star. In an email, my cousin Norma wrote "A room would brighten up each time he entered, and how he created a spotlight that followed his every move and we all delighted in his good humor and zest for life". But Joe was not just some Good Time Charley. He was very successful in the business world, and yet compassionate and generous.

At another time, say a generation or two ago, the

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A MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

Allison Nagelberg, VP Membership

Mazel Tov to:

Wayne and Meryl Gonchar
On the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Jillian

Larry and Gina Gerstein
On the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Lana

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On the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jason

Bruce and Tori Feldman
On the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Monica

Gary and Helene Tinkel
On the birth of their grandsons Henry Eli and Abbott Rhys

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On the passing of his wife, Shirley Ketofsky

Allen Weg
On the passing of his uncle, Bernie Mauskopf

Marci Kaminker
On the passing of her father, Alan Kahn

Luba Kobzantsev and Lev Kofman
On the passing of Alexandra Sheinkerman,
Beloved wife of Lev and mother of Luba

Mark Jiorle
On the passing of his grandfather, Joseph Jiorle

Arlene Frumkin
On the passing of her father, Bernie Diamond

Aaron Rosloff
On the passing of his brother, Joseph Rosloff

Estelle Trooskin
On the passing of her mother, Rose Koft

A Warm Welcome to:

Diane and Neil Sussman
And their children Joshua, Jessica and Jonathan

SPREADING THE WORD

Our congregation has much to be proud of! Our talented professionals and energetic lay leaders deliver a host of spectacular social, ritual and educational programs throughout the year. Our caring community reaches out in times of need and in times of joy, creating for so many of us a home away from home. So how can we best spread the word about B'nai Tikvah?

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press releases, community calendar listings and other media outlets. Marla Cukor has graciously volunteered to chair the marketing committee, taking over from Cindy Gittleman, who made tremendous strides in this area. Marla's expertise and enthusiasm will be a wonderful asset to our marketing efforts. We are looking into new venues where Rabbi Wolkoff can speak. We are exploring online avenues for self-promotion, as well as exterior signage that would be the most eye-catching. We will be revising our marketing material to make it up-to-date and more effective. We certainly hope to promote our visibility at REJOICE on September 13. Of course, the very best advertising is through WORD OF MOUTH and so we count on all of our members to do their part in spreading the word.

As always, the Membership and Marketing Committees welcome your input and involvement. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me!

Wishing you all, in advance,
a happy and healthy new year!

Allison Nagelberg, Membership Vice President
membership@bnaitikvah.org

CONGREGATION EVENTS & INFORMATION

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2009 Solomon Schechter Awards

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program is one of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism's longest continuously running programs and is a fitting tribute to the memory of Solomon Schechter. When Dr. Schechter founded the United Synagogue in 1913, he hoped that standards of our congregations would rise continuously. Dr. Schechter's stress on meaningful synagogue activity and his emphasis on the synagogue as one of Judaism's core institutions are reflected in general in our mission as a movement, and in particular in the selection and presentation of these awards.

The Solomon Schechter Award rewards extraordinary characteristics and certain unusual and outstanding aspects or achievements that go beyond the expected norms. Award winners deserve recognition for the originality and quality of their programs, for their presentations and achievements.

These awards, are really not surprising. Our programming, our ritual experience, and our people are what are so amazing at B'nai Tikvah. Please join me in thanking Rabbi Wolkoff, Cantor Rockman, Aaron Rosloff, and Marc & Bobbi Binder and all of their many volunteers for their roles at the center of these programs.

If you would like to read the full award applications for these 4 topics, please visit the website at

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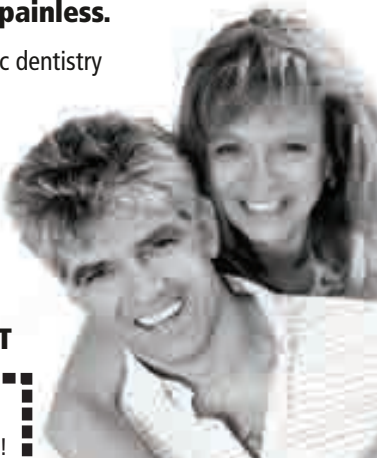
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Serena is just one of many of the amazing people who give life to B'nai Tikvah. Consider giving just a little of your time to help make it even better!

Renee Juro

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Looking Back

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likelihood of all three of us brothers living into our 80's with all of our faculties and comparatively strong, was statistically almost zero. So I look back at my life's magazine, and try to think not only that I have lost my "little" brother Joe, but about the sunshine and pride that he gave to me and my family. And about my other brother Rueben, who guides his children with grace and wisdom, and my life with Mili with whom we raised a family that anyone would be proud of.

And how about my extended but loving family, who greet each other with hugs and smothering kisses. All this started by a young couple who came to America from the war torn Europe of the 19 teens with nothing but a pocket full of hope.

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Pre-School at B'nai Tikvah

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As quickly as I knew I had found the right fit, my need abruptly changed with the passing of my father. Growing up in a Conservative Jewish home, spending most Shabbat mornings by his side at shul, I suddenly needed "a sense of community" to help me grieve and celebrate my father's life and all the tradition and love of Judaism he instilled in me from a young age. The women I met at the Mommy & Me class were there to support me through the birth of my second child and the shiva of my dad. Five years later, I count two of these ladies as my closest friends.

During our subsequent years at B'nai Tikvah, my involvement has increased at the pre-school and in the synagogue. Through volunteering, I have developed many lasting friendships that I equate to some Havurahs. Despite my growth within the congregation, the foundation of the pre-school remains an integral part of the process. I imagine it is easy to forget all this when your children/ grandchildren have moved on to Hebrew School and beyond. But remember if you can those vulnerable years when you were seeking that "sense of community" and the JCC was the missing link. It was there for you then- and despite the changes that may take place in our lives and throughout our community- the school needs to remain a staple for future generations.

My point is this...if we want our children to embrace Conservative Judaism and carry on our traditions as young adults and with their own families one day...the dedication and involvement needs to begin early. Those who do not encourage participation at a young age risk missing an opportunity to instill these traditions for a lifetime. We have been fortunate enough to have an amazing pre-school program which provides our young children with a strong foundation and a love of coming to B'nai Tikvah to make new friends and learn and grow. The experience I've had is priceless and I kvell when my children are excited to attend Family Shabbat Dinner- a program we discovered through the pre-school. As we know, many families find their way to B'nai Tikvah through their enrollment in our pre-school first. I hope many families to come will have the same opportunity I have had to fall in love with this community and feel welcome.

I know that the foundation I have set for my children will stay with them throughout their lives. I am hopeful that my 2-year-old Seth will benefit from that same nurturing environment and introduction to our beautiful religion as Mason and Rebecca did.

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We would like to thank Sherry Valan for helping in the synagogue office and for preparing Hakol for mailing.

We would also like to thank Phyllis Edley, Arnie Miller, Doris Sandrowitz, Mike Greenfield & Danna Stein for helping in the office and Serena Blackin, Ann & Sam Rosensweig & Jay Scheuer for helping prepare the congregational mailing.

We would also like to thank Bill Greenberg, Joyce Fishelberg, Meyer Ketofsky, Jeri Roller, Mae Rubinstein & Jane Szpiro, for making June & July birthday calls.

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Classes will start in late October, will be held on Thursday evenings and will be taught by Rabbis Robert Wolkoff and Melinda Zalma

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Sam & Ann Rosenzweig

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President, “increasing opportunity for all Americans” and “supporting Israel in a peaceful context...”

Sam can’t think of a pet peeve, but Ann has a major one. Being hearing impaired it is disturbing to her that “everyone’s in a rush” and doesn’t take time to speak out slowly and clearly.

Asked what historic person they’d want to meet, she says, Eleanor Roosevelt. “I’d want to ask the First Lady how she could handle all her problems” and still do all she did for others. He says, “Mordecai and Esther”, and asks “How did (she) keep her Jewish background secret...since (he) had told the courtiers about his?”

Do they still have goals in retirement? Ann: “To get de-cluttered and more organized.” (They have a very “lived in” looking house in North Brunswick.) Sam: “To live the rest of my life happily.” And don’t we all say “Amen!”

PERSONAL DATA

Name:	Samson Mordecai (Sam)
Birthday:	April 5, 1932
Born in:	Brooklyn, NY
Name:	Ann-Ruth (Ann, Anndy)
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This year I decided to do more to support The Lustgarten Foundation. I am volunteering at the New York Walk and will be assisting with the setup and refreshments.

I am also raising awareness in my community by selling bracelets and handing out informative pamphlets. I created a web page to raise additional funds, and every dollar raised will go to research in hope for a cure.

Please join me in the fight against Pancreatic Cancer.

If you would like to purchase a bracelet please send me an email. My email address is;

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS *Ann Kanarek, Director*

BR'UCHIM HABAYIM WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR

As we head into a new year, 5770, we look towards the start of a new religious school year with renewed enthusiasm and great anticipation. As I begin another year as your Director of Education, I too, have hopes and goals for our school and students. My goal for the school is to ensure that our children continue to have the opportunity to learn about Judaism in an atmosphere that is safe, comfortable and stimulating.

My hope is that B'nai Tikvah will continue to be a synagogue where all congregants will learn and grow as Jews.

I wish you a year that is sweet, rich in learning, and filled with good health, happiness, and peace!

WALK IN THE PATH OF TORAH

This year will be very exciting as we put our best foot forward and walk in the Path of Torah. We will work together to perform acts of loving kindness for the less fortunate and give tzedakah weekly. With friendship and common purpose, we will encourage our students to make the world a better place in which to live. By now, you should have received your 2009-2010 Religious School parent packet with a "Torah Foot." Take some time to consider what steps you will take personally and together as a family that connects you to Judaism. This will be an opportunity for you and your children to talk about what is important and meaningful in the context of your Jewish lives. Identify your Torah goals for next year. Then, fill out and decorate your "Torah Foot" and make this project your first step. Bring your completed project back on the first day of school. We will display all your beautiful decorations in the school wing. And, as the New Year begins, think how it could be the best year ever!!

The path of TORAH is not hard to climb,
if you take ONE STEP at a time!!

PARENT RECEPTION DAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

9:00am - 10:30am

(Half day session for all students, K-7)

All are welcome, especially new families, to come together for an orientation to our Religious School program. Parent reception and orientation for our K-7 families will be held on the first day of school, Sunday, September 13. At 9:00am, bring your child/ren to their classrooms and stay to meet the teacher and learn about the curriculum and special events. At 9:30am, join us in the Sanctuary and meet the Rabbi, Cantor, VP of School and Youth, Religious Education Chairs and Junior Congregation Facilitator. Enjoy coffee and cookies for a while before picking up your children at 10:30am. This will be a half day for all students so all our families have an opportunity to go to the **REJOICE FESTIVAL**.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REMINDERS:

Sunday, September 13:

9:00 AM Parent Reception Day First day of school for grades K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7,

Wednesday, September 16:

First day of mid-week Hebrew school (grades 3-7)

Sunday, September 20:

NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, Rosh Hashanah, second day

Sunday, September 27:

10:40 AM First day of Chai (grades 8-12)

Sunday, October 4:

NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, Sukkot

Sunday, October 11:

NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, Simchat Torah

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SHABBAT DINNER, FRI SEPT. 11TH

Welcome back religious school families! We hope you enjoyed the fabulous summer and are ready to start an exciting school year.

Don't miss our Back-to-School Shabbat Dinner

on Friday, September 11th. Details to follow on the CBT website.

Lauren Cohen & Debbie Allen

Religious School Committee Co-Chairpersons

P.S. — Don't forget to tell your friends that you can now join the religious school, grades K-2, without membership requirements. Why? Because at B'nai Tikvah, You Can....Call Ann Kanarek for further information.

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

PHYLLIS DENENBERG, DIRECTOR

CAMP JCC - A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

I hope you all had a wonderful summer. Camp JCC was a resounding success for the 4th year in a row! We had over 30 campers. There were 2 bunks: The Little Lambs (2 ½ and 3 yr. olds) and The Mighty Ducks (4 and 5 yr. olds).

Weather permitting, the campers had water play everyday. There were 2 small pools to keep us cool. We had yoga with Jul every Friday. There was cooking, baking, sports and arts & crafts.

We had different themes every week. We started the summer with "Where the Action is". A different sport was played each day.

Another theme was "Surfin the USA". The sandbox was set up as a beach with umbrellas and beach chairs. The pools were the ocean.

The theme for week #3 was "Go Go Green!". Everyone learned about recycling. We were visited by MC Blue the robot made from recycled materials

Another was "Camping out". Our campers pitched tents, decorated a large (cardboard) tent, made backpacks, went on nature walks, fished in the lake, made canoes, lanterns, "toasted marshmallows around a campfire" made 'smores and edible campfires among other things.

The second half of the summer started out with, "The World is a Circle". We made yogananas (yogurt Cheerio pops) and "Tiffany" stained glass circles were made to hang up at home. Soccer (a round ball) was our "special".

"Shake Rattle and Roll" week was filled with creative movement, making instruments, dancing and music!

Camp continued with "Talk to the Animals" where we had pony rides and a petting zoo.

Camp concluded with the "Walk of Fame 2009". We had an awards ceremony and our campers performed some of their favorite camp songs.

School is just around the corner!

On Tuesday September 8th, there will be a "Meet and Greet". Students with the last name beginning with A-L, will come from 12:30 PM -1:00 PM and last names beginning with M-Z, from 1:00 PM until 1:30 PM. Take advantage of this informal opportunity for your child to familiarize themselves with their teachers and classrooms.

Orientation for parents is that night (September 8th) at 7:30 in the sanctuary. Dr. Cha from Urgent Care will speak and answer any health concerns. Parents

will then follow their children's teachers to their classrooms for a brief description of the upcoming school year.

The first day of school for the 2 ½, 3 and Pre- K classes is Wednesday, September 9th. Thursday, September 10th is the first day for the Toddler Fun Club. We are having a Meet & Greet for the Toddler Fun Club on Wednesday, September 9th at 10:15. You and your child will then meet the teacher and check out the room, toys and the room where the Mommies stay until class is over. The purpose is to make separation easier. Please note that Toddler Fun Club hours are 9:15 until 10:45 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Mommy and Me will be Fridays from 9:15- until 10:15. Music Together will take place, Mondays from 9:15-10:00 AM.

Syndi Smoller and Jennifer Manson are our PAC chairpersons this year. The PAC's first event will be a Meet & Greet on Wednesday, September 10th at 9:15AM. A new mentoring program will be put into place for new families.

We are looking forward to a great year!!

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Should B'nai Tikvah continue to offer USY & Kadima programming? If your answer is YES, then perhaps you can help in a big or small way to make USY and Kadima happen at B'nai Tikvah. Contact Dorothy Cohen 732-821-4376.

Dorothy Cohen

Chair, B'nai Tikvah Youth Commission

*Beloved of my soul, merciful Father.
Lead Your servant, closer to You . . .
to him Your freindship will be sweeter
than the dripping of the honeycomb*

JUNIOR CONGREGATION

I hope you all enjoyed your summer. We had two well attended Junior Congregation Family Services during the summer. Those children who attended were able to get a jump on their service obligation and making the incentive award levels for 2009-2010.

Mazel Tov to the following children who made the Sefer Award for 2008-2009. These children each had at least 23 service credits. They will each receive a \$5 gift certificate for the Religious School Book Fair. Aaron Jackenthal, Marisa Katz, Rachel Allen, Alyssa Lepinsky, Tyler Miller, Michael Shultz, Andrew Katz, Jeremy Nass, Amanda Scharf, Matthew Juro, Erica Lepinsky and Sydney Sookerman.

Mazel Tov to the following children who made the Kavanah Award for 2008-2009. These children showed the highest level of commitment by attending at least 30 services. They will each receive \$10 Barnes & Noble Gift Cards. They are Rachel Allen, Alyssa Lepinsky, Andrew Katz, Amanda Scharf, Matthew Juro & Erica Lepinsky.

Chai Shabbat pins were given out to the following children this past year for attending at least 18 JCFS on Shabbat: Andrew Katz, Amanda Scharf, Phil Kfare, Rachel Allen, Aaron Jackenthal, Marisa Katz, Michael Shultz and Evan Grollman.

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B'NAI TIKVAH YOUTH

KADIMA



I'm excited to start my 3rd year of Kadima at B'nai Tikvah. I welcome back all returning & new members to our Chapter! If you haven't turned in your applications yet, please send to the Synagogue Office or bring to your first event attending.

Back by popular request we will be having our Incentive Program for all Chapter members. Each member will have a membership card that I will hold on to & stamp for each event you attend. After 10 stamps, you will receive a prize. All events count!



September 13 – Come to the Youth Booth at Rejoice. Kadima will be walking around selling water to anyone attending for \$1.

I'm looking for all members who are willing to help us out. All proceeds go into our spending for the year! Please RSVP by 9/8. Accepting all applications at Rejoice if you haven't turned it in yet.



September 14 – Apple Picking w/ the Rabbi from 5:30-6:30. We will meet at the Von Thun's, 519 Ridge Road, Monmouth Junction rain or shine. We will be picking apples to eat at the Synagogue during Rosh Hashanah. We need everyone's help! RSVP by 9/8!

September 24 – Opening Event in the Youth Lounge from 7-8 pm. The event Café 8 menu, Build a Sundae. Curious, donut miss out! Snacks will be served.

All communication besides the Hakol articles each month will be going out through weekly emails. Please make sure if you change your email address during the year, you let me know.

Last year our membership increased to over 50 members, let's see if we can get beyond that number this year. Spread the word about B'nai Tikvah's Kadima Chapter. We won an award for this also!

Dates to remember:

November 15 – Producers at the Kelsey Theater at Mercer County Community College starts at 2 pm. The cost to each member \$15 & please have the checks made out to B'nai Tikvah-Kadima. Parents are welcome \$12. Both rates are discounted. Please send all checks to the Synagogue Office attention Kadima & also RSVP to me ASAP. Don't miss out on the great Play!

Contact me with questions or concerns throughout the year! Applications are available on <http://bnaitikvah.com/app-usy-kadima.pdf>.

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Jorde1174@aol.com

U.S.Y.



Welcome Back!

N/S Brunswick USY hopes that everyone had a fantastic summer!

Last year USY had a blast doing a variety of activities, this year we hope to have an even better time!

We will be posting the dates for our events this year on the website as well as both of the USY boards.

So...**BE ON THE LOOK OUT!!!**

We hope to see everyone at the second annual Rejoice Festival on Sunday September 13th, 11am - 6pm, look for the USY table.

The new USY board is working hard to ensure that this year will be a success!

Brianne Dinitz-Sklar: Advisor
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B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

SISTERHOOD

Watch for these exciting programs from sisterhood; We'll be "mixing things up" with offsite events and joint programs with Men's Club and Adult Ed!

Coming in 2009:

Sunday, September 13th from 11am – 6pm: Visit Sisterhood's Table & Gift Shop at REJOICE

Thursday, October 8th at 7:30pm: Celebrate Sukkot, come to the screening of the acclaimed, award winning film 'Ushpizin.' After the film, enjoy a selection of snacks in the Sukkah.

Wednesday, October 7th, 14th and 21st at 7:30pm: Sisterhood is sponsoring the Rabbi's discussion series. This month's topic: "Sex and Violence in the Bible."

Sunday, October 25th at 10am: Come for brunch then take a short trip to Barnes & Noble in North Brunswick where Rabbi Wolkoff will lead us in a lively book discussion (book title to be announced).

Thursday, November 19th: SAVE THE DATE for the Paid-up Membership Dinner.

Sunday, December 13th: It's the Women against the Men at the Hanukkah Party Bowling Challenge where Sisterhood will "take down" Men's Club.

Sunday, December 20th: Going on a cruise? Want a new look for the New Year? Come to our FASHION EVENT at **CHICO'S** at **The Shoppes at North Brunswick!** Beginning at 9:30am with bagels & coffee followed by exciting fashions, including tips & strategies for looking your best.

Don't Forget Sisterhood's Services & Social Action Causes

Beginning October 10th SHOP for a CAUSE - Macy's Shop for a Cause Event has partnered with non-profit organizations since 2006, helping to raise more than \$28 million for various local charitable efforts nationwide. This is your opportunity to be part of this monumental event. Cards are only \$5. You can shop beginning October 10th. Some exclusions apply.

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MEN'S CLUB

This year, the Men's Club would like to take a slightly different approach from the usual by making our group more family/kid friendly. We will be planning a couple of designated meetings this year where we encourage family participation. Our charter is still being a part of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, but we are encouraging the involvement of the "next generation" and to welcome the future leaders of the CBT Men's Club.

Our first meeting will be a family event held on the morning of Sunday September 27th, where we will "Raise the Roof" of the CBT Sukkah. All able bodied adults and children are welcome and encouraged to help. Please bring ladders, Allen wrenches, and Battery operated drills/screwdrivers. Come participate or just provide emotional support in this CBT community fun event. The Men's Club will be providing breakfast for all.

Our second meeting will be held on Sunday, October 18th at 10am. We will be honoring the Men's Club Softball team. All players please come prepared to bring your most humorous and/or memorable stories. If you have any pictures, please email them to Mark Kirsch at markkirsch@comcast.net as we would like to put together a slide presentation to recap the season.

Please welcome our new Board Representative, Bill Greenberg, as well as welcoming back our Treasurer, Andy Ross.

A flyer was recently mailed welcoming you to join Men's Club. Provided was an overview of our organization with information about some of the past events held and our future charter. The Men's Club is a great organization with which one can receive much enrichment and comradery. It is a simple process to join as our annual dues are only \$36, which can be paid by check made out to the CBT Men's Club or included directly with your CBT dues.

Lastly, I would like to personally wish all L'Shana Tovah and a healthy, happy, sweet year. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings as a member enjoying another great year.

Steven Katz
President CBT Men's Club
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50plus

Next Meeting: at Rejoice, Sept 13

The Fifty Plus Group will not meet in September. We will be supporting the REJOICE FESTIVAL. Watch this space in the October Hakol for news of our October meeting.

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WELCOME BACK

Summer '09, such that it has been, is now being committed to our personal memory books. It has been a fairly wet and mild season tempered by all sorts of political, show biz and economic headlines. Summer may only be 90 days long, but it is crammed with camp, vacations, country fairs, barbeques, etc which has hopefully been captured in photos. Now we look forward to the balance of 2009 and the start of the Jewish New Year (5770) which starts on September 18.

By now every household has learned about some significant changes affecting the area of fundraising at Congregation B'nai Tikvah (CBT). In particular, there are three that I would like to share. First, Bobbi Binder has taken over the reins as the new Vice President of fundraising. She has assumed this post that Larry Cohen previously led. Bobbi has fundraising experience from serving on Sisterhood and other CBT committees. We, the members of the Supermarket Gift Card (SGC) committee, have already welcomed her aboard as our new "Captain". We look forward to a successful year with her.

Second and this is IMPORTANT: did you read your financial bill from CBT? If so, then you will already be familiar with what I'm about to announce. Like much of the country, CBT's fiscal health is in a state of temporary illness. After lengthy deliberations our synagogue board tried to arrive at the best solution(s) to alleviate and cure CBT's fiscal health. One of these results has been to change the SGC program. It is no longer a voluntary fundraiser, but now a mandatory program for which each CBT household has been assessed a certain amount of monetary contribution. This contribution can be made in one of two ways. Either the household purchases SGCs or pays the cash equivalent of the amount assessed for each family; the choice depends on the individual family. It is neither my responsibility nor my choice to explain the mechanics of how each family was assessed, how they meet their new obligation, nor is it my intention to incite any emotions on this issue. Rather, I am just informing you that it is a reality to which all families (including my own) now have a financial obligation to help CBT regain its "health." To ask questions or such, you would need to contact the synagogue office. Given the choice why wouldn't you just buy the SGCs?

For years I have written columns about the fact that we shop at A&P, Acme, Pathmark, Shop Rite, Stop & Shop, Whole Foods and Lox, Stock & Deli anyway, so why have almost three quarters (¾s) of our members failed to participate in this painless (and



mindless) fundraiser? Your reasons have been your own. Now each family is required to "ante up" and buy SGCs. I believe that once you purchase SGCs you might hit your forehead and say (No, not that you could have had a V8): "Why haven't I done this before now?" The SGC committee has made it easy (maybe too easy) over the past few years for you to purchase the SGCs, so now is the time for every good CBT family to "belly up to the bar" and get some of that good ole stuff. As a courtesy to our fellow CBT congregants (and a way to make life easier for them), there is even FREE delivery of SGCs. Here are the best four ways to purchase SGCs:

- Visit the SGC committee table during Sunday religious school hours;
- Go on-line at bnaitikvah.org where an order blank will help you;
- Call CBT during business hours;
- Contact one of the following SGC committee people (to purchase, arrange for delivery, ask questions, etc.):

Rachel Ruchlin	732-329-2189
Bobby Bergman	732-246-7285
Ann Rosenzweig	732-249-9141
Ruth Shindler	732-238-6893
Joyce Fishelberg	609-655-3803
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Third and unfortunately – finally, we must inform you about the impending "retirement" of Rachel Ruchlin as the chairperson of this committee. In fact, by the time you get this she might already have "retired." Under her leadership as the SGC "Captain" both the SGC committee and the sales of the cards have developed into a thriving on-going CBT fundraiser. Until someone assumes the leadership position, Rachel will remain as the very able "Captain" of our "ship." I think I speak for most, if not all, SGC committee members when I say: "Thank you Rachel. You were a superb committee chairperson and we will certainly miss you at the helm of our ship."

THIS MONTH'S TIP: Short and to the point, SGCs for the High Holy Days. Use them for your holiday purchases and buy extra and donate them to your local food pantry/bank. These organizations have fiscal shortfalls that could benefit from our generosity, too. After all, if you think your life is rough, just look around there are those who are worse off.

Until next month, from our house to yers: Have a safe and healthy 5770!

Linda Feinstein

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12 Elul - 12 Tishrei		September 2009						12 Elul - 12 Tishrei	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
Candle Lighting 4th 7:08 PM 11th 6:57 PM 18th 6:45 PM 19th After Shabbat 25th 6:33 PM 27th 6:30 PM		1 12 Elul Open Basketball	2 13 Elul	3 14 Elul USY Advisor Meet & Greet	4 15 Elul Plugged In Service Candles: 7:08 PM	5 16 Elul Parsha: Ki Tavo Sundaes on Saturday			
6 17 Elul	7 18 Elul Office & Schools Closed LABOR DAY	8 19 Elul Open Basketball NS Parent Orientation Israel Stamp Club 50Plus Board Meeting	9 20 Elul First Day of Nursery School	10 21 Elul First Day Mommy & Me and Toddler Fun Club Executive Committee	11 22 Elul Welcome Back to School Shabbat Dinner Candles: 6:57 PM	12 23 Elul Parsha: Nitzavim-Vayeilech Slichot			
13 24 Elul First Day of Religious School Rejoice Festival High Holiday Set Up	14 25 Elul NS Music Together Kadima Apple Picking Board of Directors	15 26 Elul Open Basketball PAC Meet & Greet Sisterhood Board	16 27 Elul Nursery School Trip	17 28 Elul	18 29 Elul Erev Rosh Hashanah Nursery School Closed Candles: 6:45 PM	19 1 Tishrei Parsha: Rosh Hashana Rosh Hashanah 1st Day Candles: After Shabbat			
20 2 Tishrei Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day Religious School Closed	21 3 Tishrei NS Music Together Israel Stamp Club Religious School Board Fast of Gedalyah	22 4 Tishrei Open Basketball 50Plus General Meeting	23 5 Tishrei	24 6 Tishrei	25 7 Tishrei Q&A Service Candles: 6:33 PM	26 8 Tishrei Parsha: Ha'Azinu Shabbat Shuvah			
27 9 Tishrei Men's Club/Raise the Roof USY Food Drive 1st Day Chai School Kol Nidre Erev Yom Kippur Candles: 6:30 PM	28 10 Tishrei Yom Kippur	29 11 Tishrei Open Basketball	30 12 Tishrei	AUGUST 2009 S M T W T F S 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31		OCTOBER 2009 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31			

THINGS TO DO

Plugged In Shabbat w/Sons of Tikvah
Friday, Sept 4 6:30 PM

Slichot Prayer, Music & Dessert
Saturday, Sept 12 9:00 PM

Rejoice 2009
Sunday, Sept 13 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Woodlot Park, South Brunswick

Judaica Shop Sidewalk Sale
Sunday, Sept 20 9:00 AM

Raise the Roof - Sukkah Building
Sunday, Sept 27 9:00 AM

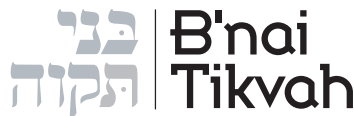
Men's Open Basketball
Every Tuesday

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