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Texas Hold'em Refresher Course

Sunday, Nov 8 10:00 AM

Trip to see Amnon's Journey

Tuesday, Nov 10 7:30 PM

Seudah & Study / Play & Pray

Saturday, Nov 14 3:45 PM

Sisterhood Paid Members Dinner

Thursday, Nov 19 7:00 PM

Family Shabbat Dinner & Service

Friday, Nov 20, 6:00 PM

Thanksgiving Interfaith Service

Sunday, Nov 22 7:30 PM

Simchat Torah - Family Event

Sunday, Oct 11 9:00 AM

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Thanksgiving Interfaith Service

From the SB area clergy association;

"Listening to God.
Listening to Each Other"

In the midst of these uncertain times, the South Brunswick Area Clergy Association invites you to join with your friends and neighbors in an inter-faith service of thanksgiving. As we thank God for our many blessings, we will also take time to listen to God's leading and to remember the value of listening respectfully to each another.

**Community Inter-Faith
Thanksgiving Service, Sunday,
Nov. 22, 7:30 PM at Six Mile Run
Reformed Church**

The Third Annual Irving & Clare
Teicher L'dor Vador Concert

Debbie Friedman in Concert

Sunday, December 6th at 4PM

This year, B'nai Tikvah's L'dor Vador Endowment for the Arts is proud to present Debbie Friedman in Concert. Debbie Friedman is the most renowned singer of Jewish music in America. What a coup for our synagogue!

The Endowment has already funded three prior concerts of outstanding and powerful Jewish performers. It is through the generosity of our benefactors, David and Cindy Teicher and Mark and Judy Roller, that this was made possible. The Endowment has allowed our synagogue the opportunity to present these concerts which otherwise would be cost prohibited through our synagogue budget.

Our hope is to keep the funds of

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Mazel Tov to Junior Congregation Torah Readers

Having completed a year of Torah Trope study, the following students proudly read Torah during Rosh Hashana services in Junior Congregation: Emma Becker, Phil Kfare and Michael Shultz. Ari Gottesman was able to read for the second time since he has not yet started his Bar Mitzvah studies! These students met every Shabbat morning before Junior Congregation during the year to learn how to read from the Torah. They were able to read during the year as well.

During Yom Kippur services in Junior Congregation, recent graduates Evan Gottesman and Lauren Wistreich read Torah as well, showing that just because they have celebrated their Bar and Bat Mitzvah they continue to study and learn.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of The Torah Trope Club. We will be celebrating the accomplishments of all past members on Saturday, June 20, 2010, including a luncheon following services. We want to be able to include as many past members as possible, please email me at eemaof3@comcast.net so that I have a complete list!

Bobbi Binder



WORDS OF THE RABBI *Rabbi Robert Wolkoff*

The Holidays Are Over - Now What?

Well, the holidays are over. For some of us, they were inspiring. For some of us, they were empty. For some of us, they were joyous. For some of us they were lonely. For some of us, they were invigorating. For some of us, they were exhausting. There are as many reactions to the holidays as there are Jews.

Actually, there are even more, because, of course, we can always argue with ourselves when there's nobody else around! One Jew, two opinions. For me, personally, the holidays were all of the above and more.

But one thing is clear. There are a ton of holidays in the Hebrew month of Tishrei, and there are none in the Hebrew month of Cheshvan.

Now what are we supposed to learn from that?

To my mind, it has a lot to do with what it means to be a "religious" person. There's a lot of confusion about this. Some think that if you look like you just got of the boat from Europe, you must be religious. And for others, it's "orthopraxis"—doing things like keeping kosher and keeping shabbat. And for others, it's being a morally exemplary person, and so on.

But after a moment's reflection, we can see that these definitions are inadequate. "Traditional" appearance may be an ethnic marker that somebody is Jewish—you don't see many Eskimos wearing a shtreimel these days—but that tells us nothing about a person's spiritual life. Halachic behavior tells us about what a person does with their body. What's going on in their soul remains a mystery. And we all know people who are very decent and wonderful to be with, but who do not perceive themselves as being "religious" at all.

So what does it mean to be religious, and what do the holidays, or lack thereof, have to do with it?

It appears to me that we are meant to learn something from the contrast between the enormous intensity of the holidays, and the "normality" of the time after the holidays. Our lives are extremely "event" oriented. Our calendars are overfull, and we run from one appointment to another, filling our days with one "thing" after another. If any particular event is uniquely powerful, perhaps even transformative, we don't even have time to notice because we're too busy rushing to the next thing. And, naturally, we're already late.

And on the rare occasions when we have "nothing" to do, we—literally—don't know what to do with ourselves.

So during Tishrei we hardly have time to breathe, since there's so much going on. And then, during Cheshvan, our Jewish life lapses into routine (a.k.a.

carpool tunnel syndrome) or, worse, collapses altogether.

But from the perspective of a religious Jew, there really isn't any spiritual difference between Tishrei and Cheshvan. On the 10th of Tishrei, Yom Kippur, we live in a world of Torah and mitzvot. Every action is under scrutiny. Every action links us with all of the Jews who came before, and all who will come after. Every action is an opportunity to feel the closeness of G-d. Everything we do helps us achieve atonement and at-one-ment.

A month later, on the 10th of Cheshvan, we still live in a world of Torah and mitzvot. Every action is under scrutiny. Every action links us with all of the Jews who came before, and all who will come after. Every action is an opportunity to feel the closeness of G-d. Everything we do helps us achieve atonement and at-one-ment.

Put in another way, for the religious person, something is obvious that is not obvious to everyone. It is, in the words of Alan Jones, that "everyday events are the means by which G-d tries to reach us," and, consequently, it is through our everyday actions that we can try to reach G-d.

We could even say that, as important as the 10th of Tishrei was, the 10th of Cheshvan is even more important. We all know where to find G-d on the 10th of Tishrei. The 10th of Cheshvan reminds us that, in the words of our father Jacob, "G-d was in this place, and I didn't know it." And that is the essence of becoming a religious Jew.

Wishing you a happy no-holiday,

Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff

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
Saturday	9:30 AM Shabbat	Mincha/Maariv/Havdallah Nov 7 4:30 pm Nov 14 3:45 pm <i>Seudah & Study / Play & Pray</i> Nov 21 4:15 pm Nov 28 4:15 pm <i>Sundaes on Saturday at the Rockman home</i>
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OUR HAZZAN'S VOICE Cantor Bruce Rockman

“A Source of Pride and Enlightenment Part 3”

The Third Annual Irving & Clare Teicher
L'dor Vador Concert
Debbie Friedman in Concert
Sunday, December 6th 2009 at 4PM

You have to go to Debbie's class! You have to, you'll love her! Since I respected the person who was nudging me, I gave it a shot. At the time I was the religious school director at Beth El in Somerset and my friend, Ann Kanarek, our religious school director, were both attending CAJE, an incredible Jewish educators' conference. Ann had been going to CAJE for years and knew all about the Debbie Friedman experience.

These sessions at Hofstra University, were transformative and fun. For four days about 200 people learned and sang Debbie's newest songs and which we later performed to close the conference. I have never stopped thanking or crediting Ann for introducing me to some of the most profound Jewish music that I have ever heard or have had the pleasure to sing. To experience Debbie Friedman in Concert at B'nai Tikvah can have the same impact on you. Debbie connects with her audience in a very personal and intimate way. Debbie Friedman, with her band, is entertaining, funny, profound and self effacing and a very talented singer and songwriter.

For Ann Kanarek and I to host Debbie Friedman at B'nai Tikvah is an incomparable honor. Debbie's music expresses the aspirations of our generation of Jewish educators better than any other Jewish artist.

What am I really trying to accomplish with these concerts? I want our community to grow. I want B'nai Tikvah to flourish. I pray that we will all find a fulfilling Jewish experience in your synagogue. I hope to inspire you to love your neighbor and continue to offer aid to those in need. I want strengthen and build better understanding of our American Jewish experience, while supporting our legacy in Israel. I want you to have an awesome time when you experience the music of L'dor Vador. And I want to help you love God with joy and with all of your might.

This year we are presenting the very popular Debbie Friedman, the best singer songwriter of Jewish music of our generation. Debbie Friedman's music evokes the folk sound of Joan Baez and Peter, Paul and Mary.. Synagogues include many of her melodies in their services; B'nai Tikvah has been singing Debbie's beautiful "Mi Shebeirach, Prayer for Healing" for many years. Your children have grown up singing her songs in camp and religious school.

Last year when Danny Greenberg and I promoted our second annual L'dor Vador concert, we

expressed our concerned that our message was not reaching the community. Orchestra leader and saxophone player, Greg Wall led a group of renowned international musicians onto our bima. The music was amazing! I am a loss of words to express the breadth of the experience which was understandably more difficult to explain prior to this enormous event. "Greg Wall and The Unity Orchestra" caressed our souls with generations of music describing our Jewish journey. More than a concert, this was an experience of mind, body and soul.

The L'dor Vador concerts celebrate our gratitude to our parents and inspire us to encourage our children to embrace our legacy and our yearnings. Let L'dor Vador, form generation to generation be A Source of Pride and Enlightenment.

Debbie Friedman in Concert is not a tribute concert to Mrs. Kanarek, although we all know she has earned the honor. We have great appreciation for Ann Kanarek, her endless dedication, creativity and love for her of our children; Ann has played a central role in preserving and expanding the teachings of Judaism and has provided leadership and guidance to our students and our families. Kaddish D'rabanah is for the well being of our teachers, and Mrs. Kanarek in particular. Debbie Friedman's words from this prayer epitomize the goals of the L'dor Vador Endowment for the Arts, and Mrs. Ann Kanarek is "Our Source of Pride and Enlightenment".

Kaddish D'rabanah

By Debbie Friedman

For our teachers and their students,
 And the students of the students,
 We ask for peace and loving-kindness
 And let us say Amen.

And for those, who study Torah,
 Here and everywhere,
 May they be blessed with all they need
 And let us say Amen.

We ask for peace and loving-kindness
 and let us say Amen.

Debbie Friedman in Concert is going to be an incredibly beautiful event, please be here to celebrate with your family and your B'nai Tikvah friends on Sunday, December 6th 2009 at 4PM. This concert is a Tribute to You!

With Joy,

Cantor Bruce Rockman
cantor@bnaitikvah.org

If you are not familiar with Debbie Friedman's music, it is very accessible on-line and I have a number of her recordings for you to hear. Drop me a line and I'll hook you up with some tunes.

HAKOL

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *RUTH ANNE KOENICK*

Every year on the Sunday before the secular New Year, the New York Times publishes my favorite edition of the Sunday Times Magazine. Not because I can eke out one more square in the crossword puzzle, nor because I can finally afford one of the homes listed in the back, but because the entire edition is dedicated to the eloquently written stories of people who died during the year. Although some are the rich and famous, some the infamous, they are interspersed with unrecognized names of people who have made a profound difference in their community, in the world and ultimately in your life and mine. So I begin by sharing two of those stories with you today. (Since I teach a course on ethics I want you to know that some of the words are taken directly from the magazine.)

Irena Sendler, a Catholic Polish woman in her 30's organized an underground network of dozens of women, a network that communicated by secret hand signals, safe houses and a conspiracy of silence that saved 2,500 Jewish children from a sure Nazi death. As women, they were able to carry children and swaddled infants with a sense of normalcy in a world that was anything but normal. Out of the Warsaw ghetto, mothers handed over their children, choosing who they thought could safely be transported to a new home. Sendler often returned to a home where the parents had disagreed about giving up their child, or a grandmother had refused to let a baby go, only to find the apartment empty as the entire family had been deported. Irena said that before her father died from typhus, he told her that if she saw someone drowning, don't stop to ask questions, you just jump in and jump in Irena did. As an elderly unsung hero, Sendler balked at being portrayed as something special. Instead she said that the first acts of courage in saving a child were when the Jewish mothers and fathers kissed their babies one last time to give them a chance to live.

Half a world away and two decades later, Mildred Loving, wife of Richard Loving, sat down in 1963 to write a letter to the ACLU. With pen and a piece of lined loose leaf paper, she told a story starting with my husband is white and I am part Negro and part Indian. Growing up in rural Virginia, Mildred was courted by Richard beginning when she was 11 and in spite of their segregated community, they fell in love and in 1958, married in Washington, DC. Upon returning to a state that prohibited mixed marriages, three police invaded their bedroom and arrested them, keeping her in a rat infested cell for 5 nights and holding him only overnight for after all, he was white. Back in DC, they knew they could never return home or even visit their families for a holiday or family celebration, so Mildred wrote the ACLU asking if there was some way they could just visit relatives. In 1967, Chief Justice Earl Warren handed down an opinion striking down the Virginia law saying that the freedom to marry has long been recognized as one of the vital personal rights. In the years after, Richard and Mildred turned down all requests for interviews, believing that it wasn't their doing, it was God's work.

Something about these two stories, stood out to me as a clear connection to each other and to us as Jews. Their quiet demeanor in helping to repair the world, their strong belief in God, ordinary people, extraordinary acts. Their stories are our stories for one doesn't need a paid ad in the Harvard Crimson to know that people question the legitimacy of the Holocaust, one doesn't need to read that well respected organizations want to add the name of Israel to the list of terrorist countries, nor do we need to listen to the ranting of the Iranian president to know that our history is intertwined with the history of those who are discriminated against by the color of their skin, by who they love and the religion they practice.

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From The Webmaster

Email Problem Solved – Well, sort of...

We know that some congregants have been turned off by receiving too many emails from the synagogue, and we're taking steps to address that. But, the main reason why the statistics are below our expectations is that many people just aren't receiving them.

Our mailing list was transferred to the new system (Constant Contact) from our old Yahoo account (btannounce) so, the only explanation for congregants not receiving new messages is that the mail is ending up in their spam filters. If you have not been receiving the official announcements from the synagogue or the Religious School in the past month, you need to check your junk mail folders and flag at least one message as being from a "safe sender".

Different mail systems and spam filters use different terminology to categorize why and how such mail is hidden from you but, since you now know there is legitimate mail coming from the synagogue office (President, Webmaster, or School @bnaitikvah.org), you should have an idea where to look for it and how to give it "normal" status.

Some congregants made a mistake and clicked the "opt-out" box at the bottom our email. The "Constant Contact" service will not allow us to send mail (of any sort) to someone who opted out of the system. To get back on the list, you have to go through a re-verification process. We cannot do this for you. To get back on board, or to sign-up with a new address, start by going to bnaitikvah.org/cbtnews.html and fill-in the form.

If you need any assistance (even for understanding this article) please feel free to contact me.

Gary Bergman
webmaster@bnaitikvah.org

Experience is what you get when you don't get what you want.

New web pages added this month

cellphones.html - Cell phone donations to Women Aware.

Eyeglasses.html - Eyeglass donations to the Lion's Club.

inmemory.html - Paypal (or mail) donation form in memory of someone.

computing.html - documenting the computers, networks and wi-fi spots.

Bowling.html – Bowling Party registration via PayPal
macys.html – Shop for a Cause

High Holy Day sermons and messages have been uploaded and posted where appropriate.

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ANOTHER VIEWPOINT

B'nai Tikvah's Thirtieth Anniversary

This year, 2009, is the thirtieth anniversary of the merging of three congregations into what is now Congregation B'nai Tikvah, formerly known as the Jewish Community Center of North and South Brunswick.

I find it hard not to stop and think about what it took to create this congregational facility. Do you ever stop and look around you when you enter a public library and ask yourself, my goodness, what planning and work and time it must have taken to create this place?

Who donated the land, or was it purchased, and how was the money raised? How many hundreds of hours must have gone into the meetings and discussions as to what should the building look like? Should it be one story or two? Should it be red brick or yellow? Street entrance or side? Children's section in the front or in the rear? Separate play section for the very young children or integrated? Should staff offices be upstairs or down?

What kind of air conditioning or heating plant, fire protection, emergency exits, moveable book islands or fixed? What kind of lighting, free use of copy machines or charge by the sheet? Who is going to be the architect and does he or she have experience building a library? Has anyone gone to see his past work or spoken to the architect's former clients?

Who were the committee people who did the spade work? How did they deal with the inevitable disagreements among the planners? Were there any real fights? One can imagine the fire works over whether to have a small theater set up for lectures, and who would pay the cost of providing the necessary equipment and furnishings for these additions? Is it an unnecessary luxury or something that should be included in any modern facility?

Living in South Brunswick for fifty years, I know that all

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Allison Nagelberg, VP Membership

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Gary and Lisa Warner
On the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Joshua
Howard and Danna Stein
On the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Jeremy

Our Condolences to:

Robert Mendelowitz, Jodi and Brian Batman,
And Eric and Lisa Mendelowitz
On the passing of Shelly Mendelowitz
Deborah Spigner
On the passing of her brother, Flip Kane

A Warm Welcome to:

Peter and Marina Finkelberg
Jill Stone
Bryan and Julie Bruder
And their children, Eric, Craig and Zachary
Ilya and Svetlana Veksler
Lynne Weiss

Marketing – Hard At Work!

During the month of October, I helped coordinate our Simchat Torah service honoring a few of the wonderful volunteers at Congregation B'nai Tikvah. This event specifically focused on some of those who give their time for the benefit of the children and teenagers in our synagogue. Of course, our Chatan and Kallah B'reishit – Larry and Dot Cohen – have given tirelessly for our Torah readers, Kadima and USY. In addition, there are dozens of others who devote endless hours to our nursery and religious schools, B'nai Mitzvah, family and tot Shabbat services, Junior Congregation and countless programs throughout the year. We are truly blessed to have such a creative and caring community of volunteers.

If you would like to get involved with these or other programs, or if you have any ideas as to how to enhance and expand our membership, feel free to get in touch!

Allison Nagelberg
Membership@BnaiTikvah.org

B'NAI MITZVAH



Gabriel Waksman, Nov 7
Howard & Laura Waksman



Corey Yelo, Nov 14
Michael & Ilene Yelo



Taryn Chinich, Nov 21
Alan & Wendi Chinich



Sydney Sookerman, Nov 28
Jon & Lori Sookerman

Trust yourself. Create the kind of self that you will be happy to live with all your life. Make the most of yourself by fanning the tiny, inner sparks of possibility into flames of achievement. – Golda Meir

B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

Debbie Friedman

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the Endowment growing every year... allowing it to nurture our community with the best concerts, speakers, entertainers and performances of all kinds. We hope to increase the number of programs the L'dor Vador Endowment for the Arts will present each year, and grow the number of friends and families that attend.

And speaking of community, this year we have opened our doors to some of our "sister shuls" in Middlesex County to join us at the concert and keep a small portion of the dollars raised through ticket sales for their own. We believe sharing is the way to strengthening our larger Jewish Community. What better way to bring our community together than through the sound of amazing Jewish music.

PLEASE Join us on Dec 6th at 4 PM and invite everyone to attend! Spread the word and spread the joy.

Tickets are on sale on line at;
www.bnaitikvah.org/concert.html or by contacting the synagogue office, 732-297-0696.

Cindy Gittleman
L'dor Vador, Chairperson

From The Webmaster

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Printing Pages and Forms

With thanks to Kim Riemann for suggesting the idea and showing me how it could be done, you can now print pages from our website in a format that makes sense. Printed pages will be automatically centered without the left index column and all the decorative graphic snippets will be suppressed.

As with any other significant programming change to the website, this automatic feature requires that the web components be freshly loaded from the website and not reused from cached files saved on your computer from a previous session. To insure this, simply hit the F5 key on the current page before you print it.

It is also now possible for us to design pages that contain lots of information but, can be printed with all the pertinent information appearing on a single page.

Gary Bergman
webmaster@bnaitikvah.org

Kol HaKavod....

This month's Kol Hakavod recognizes Rachel (Shaneson) Ruchlin. Rachel has been a member of our congregation for thirty-six years, dating back to Shaari Shalom (one of the original temples that joined to form B'nai Tikvah). She began volunteering then, running the school committee and junior congregation and helping to organize Shabbat lunches. She actively worked on the merger of the three synagogues into the B'nai Tikvah of today.

Rachel is an active Sisterhood member. She has served terms as Trustee, Sisterhood representative and school liaison to the Board of Directors.

Rachel has been chair of the scrip program for the synagogue and has helped make it the successful program it is today. After many years, Rachel will be retiring as the scrip chair but will remain an active member of the committee.

We also recognize Rachel for her Torah reading. She has been reading for a number of years, taking lessons from our very own Sam Rosenzweig. She comes to Shabbat services every week and is a Thursday morning minyan regular.

We thank Rachel for her years of dedication and service – in a variety of capacities - to our shul. Kol HaKavod Rachel!

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President's Message

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I struggled for a while on how this connects to B'nai Tikvah until a friend called and joined the annual chorus of "have you written your speech yet". She suggested the concept of "it takes a village" and so it is that theme connected to the kindness and strength of others that binds our stories together for when one group is discriminated against, all of us are.

For many of us, B'nai Tikvah is the essence of "it takes a village" for it takes more than us alone to live our lives, to raise our children, to care for each other when someone is sick, to join together to celebrate a simcha, and to come together when someone dies. We are a communal group and we are a caring community.

This concept was reinforced for me this past year as I share with you two more recent stories. As some of you know, in late January, my daughter in law Lisa, the woman who last year made me a grandmother, who gave birth to the lovely Mackenzie Barbara Herman, experienced a serious medical problem. Although she is fine now, during the first few months after it happened and as recent as last night, members of this congregation ask about her recovery, not always from people I have a close intimate relationship with, not necessarily people who I talk with on the phone or get together with for a cup of coffee, not even just those that I have friended on facebook, but the diverse group of people who make up the village that you and I are part of. In fact, when I could barely get the words out of my mouth for a mishebarach, my friends, the women who populate my personal village, volunteered to say her name so she would be on the list. Each of us in this sanctuary today, has similar stories where the members of this congregation have stood by you, stood for you, and stood with you.

One Shabbat in March, when I returned home from shul, my husband Paul met me at the door to tell me that my long time close friend had died overnight from ALS better known as Lou Gehrig's disease. A young woman with two young sons, her death left a hole in my heart and the hearts of her friends and family. Nine years before her death, her husband converted to Judaism. Riki and I had often talked about marrying outside of our faith, as both of us had weathered the emotional and substantive challenges that decision brought to us. When I asked Riki's husband why after so many years of marriage and of life he made this decision, he said, we have a child and it takes more than us to raise him.

Randy Pausch, the Carnegie Mellon professor who is well known for The Last Lecture said that we cannot change the cards we are dealt, just how we play the hand, and Riki's husband made a life changing

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS *Ann Kanarek, Director*

NOVEMBER IS JEWISH BOOK MONTH

Jewish books are essential to our people's survival. They are the repositories of our philosophies and beliefs. Through our books we learn about our history, heroes, and enemies, and about the evolution of our religion, culture, and language.

Our students learn that there are many important books about Jews and the Jewish religion. Each book has a special story or lesson to teach. Our children are not only learning from the books but understand that they are a part of everyday Jewish life.

Some of our books help us to celebrate holidays and special occasions while others are full of interesting stories, ideas and concepts. For example, the **MEGILLOT** are five scrolls, each read on a different holiday during the year. The **BOOK OF JONAH** is read on Yom Kippur – it is the story of a man chosen by God to deliver a message. Through many adventures, Jonah realizes that a person cannot run away from God. The **BOOK OF KOHELET** is read on Sukkot – it is the search for the answer to an ever-burning question....what is the meaning of life? The **BOOK OF ESTHER** is read on Purim – it is the story of a woman's courage and determination to save her people. The **BOOK OF RUTH** is read on Shavuot – it is the story of a woman's choice to convert to Judaism and her dedication and commitment to her new family. And The **BOOK OF LAMENTATIONS** is read on Tisha B'Av– it is a series of sad and heartrending readings.

These books, along with the **TORAH, TALMUD, TANAKH** and **HAGGADAH** are filled with explanations, lessons and guidelines. Our Jewish books have something for everyone. So come inside the treasure chest of Jewish books and have fun reading and learning about life, love, customs, history, identity and family.

The aim of Jewish book month is to popularize books on Jewish subjects among our adults, youth and children. There is an ever-growing library of Jewish books of juvenile interest available.

Visit our book fair and check out the variety of Judaic reading material and at the same time help to support our school.

The dates and times of the Book Fair are as follows:

Sunday, November 15, (9:00am - 12:00pm)
Wednesday, November 18, (4:00pm- 6:00pm)
Sunday, November 22, (9:00am- 12:00pm)

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REMINDERS:

- Wednesday, November 4:**
NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, NJEA Conference
- Sunday, November 8:**
NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, NJEA Conference
- Sunday, November 15:**
Jewish Book Fair begins, 9:00am -12:00pm
Jewish Book Month program for grades K-5 with story teller, *Rebecca Kelly*
Rabbi's RUNCH program with the Chai School
- Monday, November 16:**
7:45 pm Religious Education Committee Meeting,
- Wednesday, November 18:**
Visit Jewish Book Fair, 4:00pm-6:00pm
- Sunday, November 22:**
10:45 am ALEF NAMING CEREMONY & BRUNCH,
JET program for K/1 parents
Jewish Book Fair continues, 9:00am - 12:00pm
- Wednesday, November 25:**
NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, Erev Thanksgiving
- Sunday, November 29:**
NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL,
Thanksgiving weekend
- Sunday, December 6:**
SPECIAL JET/YAD program
with the Hei class and parents
- Monday, December 7:**
7:45pm Religious Education Committee Meeting.

There are two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.

- Albert Einstein

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

PHYLLIS DENENBERG, DIRECTOR

Class Projects

Last month we hosted Adult Day Care for Banner Day. All our students together with our guests painted banners to hang up, one for our school and another for Adult Day Care to hang up in their facility.



Thank you to all who came to the Barnes & Noble Book Fair to support our school and shul. Kudos to all who purchased items that day to help us fundraise.

Fall weather has finally arrived. All the children are making projects relating to the season. Come and see the artwork displayed in our hallways.

If you are interested in seeing what we do here and viewing pictures of the children each week, please go to our website www.bnaitikvah.org/nursery.html

Voting will take place in our classes on Election Day,

November 3rd. We will let you know "our" results..

School will be closed Thursday and Friday November 5th & 6th due to Teachers' workshops. Our staff will be taking a morning workshop titled "Does G-d Ever Go To Time-Out?", Creating a Community of Respect in the classroom" taking place at Solomon Schechter in East Brunswick. That will be followed by an afternoon course at our school for CPR, First Aid and AED, a State of N.J. requirement for early childhood staff.

On Friday, November 13th we will be presenting the wedding of Yitzchak and Rivkah (Isaac & Rebecca) in the Sanctuary. All are invited. The Rabbi and Cantor will officiate. Look for details in the upcoming shul's weekly bulletins.

Later this month there will be much preparation for our Thanksgiving Feast. It will take place, Wednesday, November 25th. Invitations will be sent home with our students.

Have a Happy thanksgiving!

Until next month...

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B'nai Tikvah's Thirtieth Anniversary

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of the above and much more took place over the years of planning and construction of the library, but I'm not really talking about the library. What I have enumerated above is what took place in the creation of the facility that we know as Congregation B'nai Tikvah.

Many of us, in those days, put our hearts and minds and treasure into creating our Shul. Those of us who are still around, are passing along a legacy that we can be proud of. Hopefully, those who are younger and stronger will assume the tradition and responsibilities to assure the continued life of the Jewish Community Center of North and South Brunswick, popularly known as Congregation B'nai Tikvah.

Shana Tova,

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Contact Marci Oslick, (908)874-0959, marcioslick@yahoo.com to RSVP
by November 9th or for more information.

B'NAI TIKVAH YOUTH

KADIMA



Thanks to the Gottesman Family for hosting Kadima at their house for the Sukkah event. The members built edible Sukkah's which they all ate! Check the Kadima Boards at the Synagogue for your picture.

 **November 8 - Rock Climbing** at Rockville Climbing Center, 200 Whitehead Road in Hamilton from 4-6 pm w/ the East Windsor Chapter. The only cost to you is \$12 per Climber which also includes snacks & drinks. Each Climber needs to have a parent fill out the waiver & hand in that day. It can be found on www.rockvilleclimbing.com. We will meet at Rockville. RSVP by November 2.

November 15 - Producers at the Kelsey Theatre at Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Rd, West Windsor, starts at 2 pm. You must be a paid up member to attend this event. We will meet at the Theatre at 1:30 pm.

All communication besides the Hakol articles each month will be going out through weekly emails. If you are a Kadima member and are not receiving my weekly emailed announcements, please call. Also call if your email address has changed. Don't worry parents, you get the emails too!

Contact me with questions or concerns throughout the year! Applications are available on <http://bnaitikvah.com/app-usy-kadima.pdf>. If you haven't turned in your applications yet, please send to the Synagogue Office or bring to the next event. Please check out the website for a list of events throughout the year, details of these events will be sent out on our Weekly emails.

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November 7th: Second Annual Rock-a-thon!
 8pm -8 am. RSVP to Mark Katronetsky (nsbusysato@gmail.com or 732-422-4321). Each participants should obtain sponsors (call Mark if you need a sponsor sheet). All monies go to SATO. Bring a rocking chair, kosher snacks, games/movies for a rockin' night --

Hang out with friends, stay up all night & raise money for charity! Looking for parents to help chaperone provide breakfast in the morning.

November 15th: The Producers! 2pm
 Limited seats available for show at the Kelsey Theatre at Mercer County Community College. Cost for each USY or Kadima member is \$12 and tickets for parents (all are welcome!) cost \$15. Checks made out to B'nai Tikvah-Kadima and send them to the Synagogue Office attention Kadima ASAP. RSVPs go to Jordana, the Kadima Advisor at jorde1174@aol.com. Don't miss out on a great play!

November 20-22 Fall Kinnus at Ocean.
 Applications for Kinnus <http://www.bnaitikvah.org/youth.html> are due to the Region by Nov 3.

December 12 - Regional Membership Dance, Paramus.



December 13 - Hannukah Bowling Bash.

USY/Kadima Membership Applications
<http://bnaitikvah.org/youth.html>

USY Advisor - Miri-Tal Atlas nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com
 201-450-3206

Co-President(s): Kira Greenberg hoorayitskira@gmail.com
 & Jesse Talmud jessetalmud@gmail.com

VP Communications - Heather Rosen
nsbusycommvp@gmail.com

VP Membership/Programming - Sarah Shindler
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USY Members are invited to join a private USY Facebook site where more information is available regularly.

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Visit: <http://www.bnaitikvah.org/youth.html>

In Israel, in order to be a realist you must believe in miracles.
 - David Ben-Gurion



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SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood Happenings

The temperature is cooling down but Sisterhood is heating up:

Tuesday, November 10th at 7:30pm - Sisterhood & Hadassah's L'Dor V'Dor's Beyond the Book Club will be viewing Amnon's Journey at the Rutgers New Jersey Jewish Film Festival at the Regal Cinema, Rt. 1, North Brunswick, Ticket prices: \$10 general admission; \$8 senior citizens (62+); \$5 students. See film festival under <http://jewishstudies.rutgers.edu/> to read a description of Amnon's Journey. Questions and ticket information contact Jennifer Manson at 732-940-2442 or ywhadassaevents@yahoo.com.

Thursday, November 19th at 7:00pm we invite you to attend, "Sole to Soul" Walking in the Footsteps of Famous Jewish Women at our paid-up membership dinner. It's an evening filled with friends, food and fun in the synagogue's social hall. Admission is paid-up membership:

- Regular dues: \$36
- Senior dues: \$26
- Non-synagogue members: \$56

RSVP by Tuesday, November 10th to Renee Juro at rsjuro@verizon.net, (732) 960-1215 or Ruth Shindler at ruthshindler@comcast.net, (732) 238-6893.

Remember, it's never too late to join Sisterhood.

Saturday January 9, 2010 – Save the date! It's Passover Poker Time.

2010 Mah Jongg Cards

Mah Jongg cards for 2010 remain at the same cost as for 2009. They are \$7 for a Standard card, and \$8 for a Large-sized card. Orders must be in to Sisterhood no later than January 26, 2010. There will be NO exceptions. If you would like card, please order now. While we do order some extras for the Sisterhood Gift Shop to have available, these last two years sold out before the cards ever came in. So chances are there will be no extras to sell. Thank you for your understanding.

Help Us Help the Environment

Sisterhood is being environmentally responsible and helping great causes with your help!

For the month of November, we are collecting used

electronic devices / gadgets. We will be donating and recycling these items to raise money for Sharsheret.

Sharsheret is a national not-for-profit organization of cancer survivors dedicated to addressing the unique concerns of young Jewish women living with breast cancer.

Please bring any of the following items to the Paid-up membership dinner and support our gadget drive.

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<i>Camcorders</i>	<i>Gaming Consoles</i>	<i>PDA's</i>
<i>Camera lenses</i>	<i>GPS Devices</i>	<i>Projectors</i>
<i>Cell phones</i>	<i>Laptops</i>	<i>Satellite Radios</i>
<i>Desktops</i>	<i>LCD Monitors</i>	<i>Video Games</i>
<i>Digital cameras</i>	<i>Movies</i>	

In addition to the gadgets, we are collecting worn or new shoes for donation.

Let's "go green" to help an important cause!

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www.bnaitikvah.org/sthfunds.html

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When: Sunday, November 8th at 10:00 am

Join us for our traditional bagel and lox breakfast. Breakfast is complimentary, but donations are always appreciated.

Please email Steve Katz at skatz56@aol.com to confirm attendance, so that we may order the proper amounts.

Steve Katz
Men's Club President

50plus

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Nov 24

The Fifty Plus group will meet on Tuesday, November 24 at 1p.m. in the Social Hall of the Synagogue.

Our Program, "Part Two" of "The Jews of New Jersey" will feature a video which includes some of our congregants and local history. A Pizza Party will follow. Guests and prospective members are welcome, but please call before November 18 to tell us you are coming.

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B'NAI TIKVAH SOCIAL ACTION

IT'S ALREADY THAT TIME . . . HELP A NEEDY FAMILY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Why we run this program?

The following is an excerpt of one of the thank you notes we received on behalf of a family we sponsored last year:

“This is a letter of heart felt appreciation on behalf of ----Family for all of your generous gifts this holiday season. The mother burst into tears when we delivered your gifts. She was overwhelmed with positive emotions about the kindness of people who do not know her family. She referred to all of you as angels sent by God to help others on this earth. Her family is very grateful for all of the gifts especially for the winter clothes. Her husband has been wearing his winter boots and coat daily. She is enjoying cooking in her pots. She only had one pot and it would take her a long time to cook because she would have to cook part of a meal, wash the pot, then cook the rest of the meal. The children love their toys. Thank you for bringing joy and comfort to this family.

Another Thank you note: “This family has never experienced such great generosity. The mother told me she was happy to see that her children finally have toys to play with so they are no longer bored at home. The teachers were commenting that they noticed the children’s self esteem improve when they came to school proudly dressed in their new clothes. The children are now appropriately dressed for the weather and are even wearing socks which were noticeably missing prior to receiving the gifts. They sleep much more comfortably at night with their new blankets and their heater.....” This is why we run this program...to make a difference in peoples’ lives.

Who are these families? These families are all in need. They are referred by various sources including Jewish Family Services, local welfare directors, school social workers and senior centers.

How does this program work? Each family will fill out a wish list of their needs. The wish lists typically include items like towels, sheets, blankets, clothing, shoes, coats and children’s toys.

How can you help?

1. Become a family coordinator for one family’s wish list. This might involve getting your family, friends, co-workers, and merchants to donate the needed items to fulfill the family’s wish list.
2. Volunteer to obtain one or more of the items on a family’s wish list.
3. Donate money that will be specifically used to purchase items on a family’s wish list. Checks should be made payable to Congregation B’nai Tikvah Holiday Program.

To participate in this worthwhile program, send in the tear-off below, fill out the form at Bnaitikvah.org, or e-mail Janice Baer at Jbbd11@comcast.net or call Janice at 732-940-0268

PLEASE RESPOND BY NOVEMBER 15th

HELP A NEEDY FAMILY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Name: _____ Telephone: _____
 Address: _____ E-Mail address: _____

- I want to be a family coordinator
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 I want to donate money that will be specifically used to purchase items on a family’s wish list. Checks made payable to Congregation B’nai Tikvah Holiday Program

Send completed form to Janice Baer, Congregation B’nai Tikvah by November 15th
 Any questions, call Janice Baer 732-940-0268 or Jbbd11@comcast.net
 Forms are also on the synagogue website.

B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY

President's Message *continued from page 24*

decision on how to play his hand. A few weeks ago, I was at my doctor's office for my annual physical. As we talked, she came up with a list of things I should change in my life during the coming year. I told her that her list is far too hard, that I'll never be able to do all of those things in just one short year. She looked at me, this nice Jewish doctor and said...Ruth Anne, you are president of a synagogue, it will be the longest year of your life. Since I clearly have a little extra time this year, I ask myself how do I want to play this hand I've been dealt. There is a story about Yeshiva University deciding to field a rowing team. As some expected, they lost every race even though they practiced for hours every day. Finally, they sent the captain Morris Fishbein to spy on Harvard, the perennial champions. Morris schlepps off to Cambridge and hides in the bushes next to the Charles River, carefully watching the Harvard team practice. After a week, Morris returns to Yeshiva and announces that he has figured out their secret. His teammates shout "Tell us! Tell us!" and Morris replies "We should have only one guy yelling. The other eight should row." It is interesting how elusive some answers are even when it is right in front of your eyes. And how simple it seems when we all work together with no one being more important than anyone else.

I started thinking about how to play my hand long

before I met with my doctor, starting when my mother died in 1995. My father had passed away almost 20 years before and almost all of my family lives in Maryland so I no longer had a place to go for holidays. I needed a place to call home and I found that place here because even though I am not a long time member, I have found sanctuary at BT. I often think about how bleak my life would be if I didn't have this community, this village to be part of, and some of what motivates me to volunteer is a commitment to make sure that this community is always here for you, for me and for generations to come.

This past year the Federation conducted a demographic study of Middlesex County. The voluminous report is rich with information and we learned for example, that there are about 56,000 Jews living in Middlesex County and there are 10,000 children under the age of 18, but only 8,400 are being raised Jewish. I am not suggesting that everyone in this room who can have more children do so in order to assure that more are raised as Jews, although it is certainly an option, but I am suggesting that we work together to enhance our religious school, bring more Jewish children and families in through the nursery school, and that we, as a village, commit to keeping BT the community it is and can be.

To be continued next month

History teaches us that people and nations behave wisely only after they have exhausted all other alternatives.
- Abba Eban

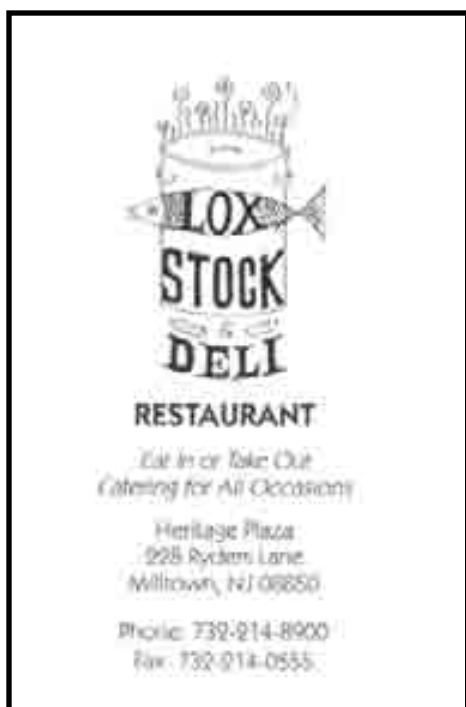
Simchat Torah

Congregation Bnai Tikvah danced with the Torah to celebrate reading the final parasha and beginning anew the reading of B'reishit Saturday evening and Sunday morning, October 10 and 11. Instead of attending Religious School on this Sunday morning, many students and their families marched and danced during the Hakafot, and listened to the Torah readings as all present were given the opportunity to have an aliyah.

A festive seudah of lasagne and yummy side dishes was prepared by Stacey Rockman, Bobbi Binder, and a host of volunteers. Many thanks to them and to Susan Miller for shopping help.

Thank you also to all those who sponsored a lasagne:

Anonymous	Janice and Arthur Baer
Bobbi and Marc Binder	Dot and Larry Cohen
Rebecca and Alan Denlow	Toby and Gary Ehrlich
Joyce and Joel Gerbman	Linda Fellen and Ben Gottesman (lasagne named Noodles)
Marcie and Steve Kfare	Michele and Irwin Millinger
Aaron Rosloff	Ann and Sam Rosenzweig
Ellyn and Harold Schneider	Beth and Matt Schurman
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B'NAI TIKVAH COMMUNITY


Beyond the Book Outing to the Rutgers New Jersey Jewish Film Festival

Sponsored by Hadassah and Sisterhood

To view the film
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Let's Thanks & Give in November

Wow, where did this year go? Felt like we were just celebrating Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Now it's time to bring out the sweaters, winter coats and other cold weather gear; if you haven't already done so. Before we know it 2009 calendars will be replaced with those that have "2010" on them. A full decade of this new millennia has almost been completed. It makes me feel real old.

So, instead, let's talk about the good things for this month. November is a busy month and some of the highlights are the following dates:

Nov. 3 – ELECTION DAY – in NJ the biggie race is that of the Governor's election. While it is not my intention to influence your choice, I do wish to inform you of your choices. Not casting a vote is one since that is not only a choice, but with or without your vote, one of these gentlemen will win. So it might be a better option to cast your vote for either Governor Jon Corzine (D) or Mr. Chris Christie (R). Do your homework on these two men and vote according to your conscience.

Nov. 11 – VETERANS' DAY – Most of our communities offer some ceremony/activity to honor all of our country's veterans. If you can't attend anything, just personally thank all the vets whom you know. They deserve our thanks for serving our country so that we may have the freedom(s) that we do enjoy.

Nov. 26 – THANKSGIVING!! – This is my very best favorite non-religious holiday. Ever since I was a young girl, I loved to be awakened on Thanksgiving morning by the mouth watering aroma of roasting turkey as it wafted from my mother's kitchen. Now I'm the mother and it's my turn to spread the same mouth watering aroma from my kitchen. So much activity during this day, I'm amazed that it all happens in a short 24 hour period. To count just a few activities, there are the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, local high school football games, gathering with friends and family, televised football games, and the consumption of that turkey and all of the trimmings and desserts. Um, um good stuff! That's all followed by the loosening of the belts because we ate too much!

By the time you receive this issue of the Hakol, you will already be aware of individual grocery stores'



promotions as it pertains to turkeys, etc. The Supermarket Gift Card (SGC) committee is pleased to help you with the sale of SGCs so that you can purchase your Thanksgiving necessities. Remember we offer FREE delivery if you are unable to get your order in person. If you have large orders, you may also pre-order them. The participating stores are: A&P, Acme, Pathmark, Shop Rite, Stop & Shop and Whole Foods as well as Lox, Stock & Deli (LS&D). To purchase SGCs from any and/or all of these stores, you may:

- visit the SGC table during Sunday religious school hours;
- stop by the CBT office during business hours, ask for Sherry Valan;
- purchase them on-line at bnaitikvah.org (order form included);
- contact one of the following committee members who will be happy to help:

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Remember that we also offer FREE DELIVERY. Just contact one of the above listed committee members to make arrangements.


THIS MONTH'S TIP: For thanks and giving let's continue with our support of those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Our efforts, no matter how small or large, do make a difference. Here are some ways to help:

- 1) If you qualify for a free turkey and don't wish to keep it, donate it to your local food pantry.
- 2) When shopping for your Thanksgiving dinner, buy two of everything and donate the extras to your local food pantry.
- 3) Volunteer – at a local food pantry, food kitchen, hospital, nursing home. Your presence may assist with an overworked and understaffed facility during such a busy time of year. Once piece of advice: contact them first to see what their needs are and schedule your time accordingly.

So to all of you and your families from the Feinstein family (me, Norman, Adam, Rufio – the cat and Lucy – the dog) have a warm and happy November and Thanksgiving.

Linda Feinstein

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Torah readers/Haftarah chanters: Those who know trope and can read Hebrew may sign up on the CBT website to read a little or a lot. Those who can read Hebrew but may need help with trope may speak to Marci Oslick or Cantor Rockman.

Friendly smiles and warm words to greet congregants and guests on Shabbat and holidays; handshakes optional.

People with creative minds, good organizational and follow-through skills to plan and manage Shabbat and holiday programming in conjunction with clergy. Also needed: people with a little time to take on smaller tasks (e.g., shopping, phone calls, publicity) needed to make the programs a success!

Men and women with knowledge of Jewish law and customs to assist with care of ritual objects.

Contact Marci Oslick by phone or e-mail (908-874-0959 or marcioslick@yahoo.com) to volunteer or for more information.

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

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TODAH RABAH

We would like to thank Sherry Valan for helping in the synagogue office and Bobby Bergman for helping with the Federation High Holiday mailing,

We would like to thank Joyce Fishelberg, Bill Greenberg, Mike Ketofsky, Martha Rotter and Mae Rubinstein for making September birthday calls.

We would also like to thank Rima Katz for making High Holiday calls to our new members.

DONATIONS August 11 through September 10:

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Ilene Karp, Thank you to Rabbi Wolkoff for his kindness and guidance throughout this past year and for the beautiful ceremony that he performed on the occasion of Stacie's marriage to Steven Weisbrot on September 5, 2009.

Helene & Gary Tinkel, in memory of Joe Finkel

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Dorothy & Norman Politziner, to wish John Autovino a speedy recovery

Ellen & Gerald Platz, in honor of their daughter Alissa reading Haftorah

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Maxine & Mark Kasdin, to wish Gale & Marc Dillman best of luck in their new home

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Tuesday, Nov 10 7:30 PM

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Sisterhood Paid Members Dinner

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Every Tuesday

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