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## A Message From Rabbi Robert Wolkoff

*What follows are excerpts from Rabbi Wolkoff's talk after the terrible massacre in Arizona. To read the full text, please check our website [bnaitikvah.org](http://bnaitikvah.org)*

Regarding the horrible events in Tucson, Sarah Palin said, "Acts of monstrous criminality stand on their own. They begin and end with the criminals who commit them, not collectively with all the citizens of a state..." Contrast that statement with a piece of Jewish wisdom: "Whoever can stop the members of his household from committing a sin, but does not, is held responsible for the sins of his household. If he can stop the people of his city from sinning, but does not, he is held responsible for the sins of the people of his city. If he can stop the whole world from sinning, and does not, he is held responsible for the sins of the whole world." (Talmud Shabbat 54b) From a Jewish perspective, the notion that human actions stand on their own is bizarre, even perverse. About Loughner, three things are clear. The first is that he is a person so mentally deranged that one of his college classmates predicted that someday she would see his face on television after he committed mass murder. The second is that this deranged person owned a Glock semi-automatic pistol with a thirty clip magazine. And the third, Sarah Palin notwithstanding, is that Loughner lives in a society—our society—where we allowed him to walk the streets untreated, and we allowed him to purchase a weapon that could take thirty lives in less than a minute. Do not dare tell me that his actions stand on their own.

We could have stopped the people of our "city" from sinning, and we did not.

Yes, it is Loughner alone who is guilty, but by G-d we are *responsible*.

We are capable of sending men to Mars. Do *not* tell me that we cannot figure out a way to prevent someone from Mars from buying a lethal weapon here at home. Loughner should not have been able to purchase anything more dangerous than a rock. . It doesn't matter if you are from the left or the right, from the NRA or the ACLU. The system is broken. Fix it *now*. Anything else is a lie, an insult to the dead, a further injury to the wounded, and a threat to the next 9-year old, or the next Congresswoman, or the next innocent being whoever she is, whose life is at risk because of a madman that WE have armed.

We might not have been able to stop him from killing with a rock. But we could have stopped him from killing with a Glock.

And, in fact, we might have even stopped him from killing with a rock. There is a seemingly painful irony in the fact that Pima County, Arizona, where the tragic events unfolded, recently saw nearly half of those receiving mental health services forced off public rolls. As predicted, the rate of suicide attempts, hospitalizations, and brushes with the police, have gone up. And now this.

Clarke Romans from the National Alliance on Men-

tal illness, said, "...they have cut the budget...in Phoenix, but they now expect the local community...to increase the police, the emergency room, the response to suicide attempts, incarcerations and hospital stays. It's madness."

It's *not* *that* the truth. Yes, Loughner may suffer from madness. But clearly, he is suffering from both his madness and our madness, because WE allowed this situation to fester.

And not just because of crazy budget cuts. According to Arizona law, anyone who knew Loughner, and sensed his madness—which virtually everyone he knew did—could have petitioned local authorities to have him evaluated. The law assumes precisely that "acts of monstrous criminality" do *not* "stand on their own." They stand on a pedestal of social irresponsibility that WE have erected.

Much ink has been spilled about the connection, real or imagined, between Loughner's actions and the verbal vitriol coming from the political wingnuts, but the entire discussion is misplaced. The burden of proof is not on those suggesting such a link. The burden of proof is on those who rant and rave about how "socialist Obama" is going to betray our country and how, "The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time, with the blood of patriots and tyrants." The people who espouse such violent political fantasies are the ones who must prove that their ugly and divisive words have not destroyed our civility and poisoned the political atmosphere.

Once again, Jewish law has something crucial to teach us. The Chofetz Chayim, the great expert on *lashon hara*, commented that before we say anything, we must always be careful that no harm can conceivably result from our words.

Words like, "Don't retreat. Reload!"

But again, it is not only the political wingnuts, and the politicians who pander to them, who are responsible. WE are responsible, because the obligation not to *listen* to *lashon hara* is as great as the obligation not to *speak* it. We have tolerated, even applauded, a level of political discourse in this country that, in a word, is a disgrace. Can I prove that it was this that made Loughner pick up a gun? Of course not. But I can't prove that it *wasn't*—and that means that our moral responsibility vis-à-vis both the past and the present is clear.

As regards the past, Tyron Edwards wrote:

"Hell is truth seen too late—duty neglected in its season."

We were too late, we neglected our duty, and that explains why we are where we are.

What we can and must hope and pray and work for is, that next time, we won't be late.

Ken yehi ratzon.

Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff

## By Cantor Bruce Rockman

### Debbie Friedman, with Grace and Kindness.

On this snowy week, when death and violence are leading the headlines, we lost one of the most important figures in Jewish life, Debbie Friedman z"l, died. I can't believe it. The news of Debbie's illness and subsequent passing hit me like a ton of bricks. Debbie Friedman visited us on December 6, 2009. She sang with us, laughed with us, and she inspired and transformed us like so many that she touched in her short life. Debbie Friedman was a giant and a prophet. Her messages are timeless; through our tears we will continue to reap her wisdom.

When we lose close relatives, we sit shiva, we grieve intensely, publicly. Our family was comforted by you. Stacey and I are honored by your calming words and visits. We will never get over the loss of our dear father and zaide, but you helped us, as we attempt to move forward and remember the blessings of Henry Erlich's life. We will never get over your kindness.

Barney Cohn died. Bobbi Binder's dad was part of the tapestry of our congregation. Though a thread is missing, Barney's memory radiates comfort and warmth; he is still a part of our blanket. We stand side to side embracing one another each time one of us is about to fall or lose our way.

The loss of a beloved public figure, like Debbie, who has impacted our lives, is very different. I find it more difficult to find the comfort and healing that I need. Debbie was not my close friend, although when I was near her, she treated me like I was, just as she treated most people who met her. Debbie was not my mother, yet I feel nearly as empty as if someone that close is gone from my life. I need to find comfort. What do I do? I witnessed

Debbie's funeral on my computer and I continue to read each and every tribute that I can find. What can I do for you? I sit with my friends and band mates, we sing her haunting melodies and I plan. I listen to Debbie Friedman's music, watch her dvds and look at the pictures that Bobbi took at our concert (a concert that Henry and Barney both enjoyed) and I plan.

I am comforted with the knowledge that our Debbie's impact and teaching will remain and are now elevated by her stature in the heavenly choir. Maybe Debbie Friedman will learn a few new songs up above and inspire some of us to write a new song unto God.

When I told my dear six year old daughter Bashe that Debbie Friedman died, she responded that at least she doesn't have any more pain. Later, Bashe told Stacey, that Debbie is with Zeide in heaven, now he can teach her ***Shuvi Nafshi***, the psalm that Bashe, clutching her teddy bears, sang for her grandfather at his funeral. *"O my soul, return and rest because God has been kind to you."*

Expressing my thoughts and memories helps me find comfort, talking to you helps more. Maybe you and I can sing a few songs together and remember that God has certainly been kind to us. I will pray for God's embracing presence to guide me.

Debbie Friedman, sweet singer of Israel, brought so many gifts and blessings to millions; Debbie's voice will touch and comfort us forever. We don't want to let her go, but we must. Debbie Friedman is among the angels.

With Grace, Kindness, Sorrow, Joy and Blessings,  
Cantor Bruce Rockman  
January 11, 2011

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## SISTERHOOD PROGRAM

The entire congregation is invited to Sisterhood's program featuring **Andrew Silow-Carroll**, Editor of the New Jersey Jewish News, who will be here to discuss:

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**Andrew Silow-Carroll** is editor-in-chief of the *New Jersey Jewish News*. He was previously the managing editor of the *Forward* newspaper, and was the editor of the Washington (D.C.) *Jewish Week*, senior editor of the bimonthly *Moment* magazine and a reporter for the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

From 1996-1998 he lived in Israel as a Jerusalem Fellow, an international program in Jewish education sponsored by the Mandel Foundation. Later he was a Spielberg Fellow and director of communications of Clal-The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership. He is an alumnus of

Leadership New Jersey, a civic and political seminar programming for emerging state leaders.

He lives in Teaneck, N.J. with his wife and three children, and sings in Tavim, an a cappella choir.

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# MEN'S CLUB

## Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs

### 11<sup>th</sup> Annual World Wide Wrap

Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am

### Wrappers unite!!!

Please join Rabbi Wolkoff, Cantor Rockman, CBT Men's Club and congregations around the world as we teach the mitzvah of wrapping tefillin. The largest tefillin festival on earth, the 11th Annual FJMC World Wide Wrap, will take place on Sunday February 6, 2010, when men and women will gather in synagogues all over the world, from Australia to California, and put on tefillin.

Together, we'll all learn and teach those who may be a bit rusty the proper technique for wearing tefillin. We will daven on that Sunday morning wearing our tefillin. This is a fun family event that should not be missed! A light breakfast will be provided courtesy of the Men's Club.







**March 10, 2011, 6:30 pm** – Join us at Whole Foods Supermarket in Princeton for a demonstration and discussion on Healing Flavors with Nirit Yadin, Chef of the Wisk and the Spoon. For more information and to RSVP please see our enclosed flyer.

**March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011.** Once again Sisterhood will be having the annual Passover Wine Sale featuring our Wine Tasting event. Wine List and details to follow.

**Social Action** – We are continuing our collection for the Ronald McDonald House in New Brunswick this month. They are in need of the following items: \$5.00 Gift Cards (Target, Shop Rite, Stop & Shop), individual snack packs of cookies, 100 calorie packs, Nutrigrain bars, juice boxes, and individual bags of chips, raisins, and single serve cereal packs. As always these items can be brought to any Sisterhood event or given to Caroline Scharf at any time. Thank you for your continued support!

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***I don't know if any of you remember, but Andrew entertained us as the MC at B'nai Tikvah's Comedy Night many years ago. You can be sure that he will be enlightening us with his knowledge and entertaining us with his wit!***

Andrew Silow-Carroll is editor-in-chief of the *New Jersey Jewish News*.



**Gift Shop**

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*Phyllis Denenberg, Nursery School Director*

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Our spring **Mommy & Me** programs still have openings. The class runs on Tuesdays from 11:00 AM to 12:00 noon. If you have (or know anyone with) a child, grandchild, niece or nephew 12-24 months and is looking for socialization for their children and for themselves, please contact us about our wonderful Mommy & Me class.

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

Thank you to those who participated in our Little Lambs cookie dough fundraiser. It was a resounding success!



## Plan to spend Friday mornings with us!

The JCC of North & South Brunswick Nursery School and Congregation B'nai Tikvah invite the entire community to a **FREE** bimonthly program, "**Shabbat Together**" on Fridays for adults with children aged 12 months to 4 years old.

Grandparents are invited with their grandchildren too!

Rabbi Wolkoff and or Cantor Rockman will participate in the class.

The first class began Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:45 AM until 11:45 AM.

### **All are welcome!**

Space is limited. You can reserve a spot by emailing our Early Childhood Director, Phyllis Denenberg, at [nursery@bnaitikvah.org](mailto:nursery@bnaitikvah.org) or calling 732-297-0295

**Save The Date!!**  
**Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM**  
**Open House/Family Art Night**  
**Wine and Cheese will be served (sparkling juice and cheese crackers!)**

Until next month...  
*Phyllis*

## B'NAI TIKVAH YOUTH



Congratulations to Rachel Seidman & Rachel Blackin who have attended 10 events so far this year! They are going to receive a reward from our Incentive Program at our closing Event. For every 10 events you attend, including Chapter & Regional it goes for a reward. You can receive multiple rewards. Many of you are close to winning your 1<sup>st</sup> also.

Please check out our 2 Bulletin Boards in the Synagogue. Pictures from events are always added & updated for events.

**February 10** – Chill Night in the Youth Lounge from 7-8 pm. Snacks will be served. Bring a game or just come to relax with your Kadima friends.



**February 19-20** – Our annual Lock-In- the Gym. We will start at 8 pm & pick up will be at 9 am on Sunday. I'm looking for any parent volunteers for the event. Please let me know if you are able to help out. The total Chapter members I can take will be 20. If you don't want to stay over, that is fine too. Pick up would be by 1 am. Snacks, drinks, & breakfast will be served. Bring along your pillow & sleeping bag. Wear what you would like to sleep

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## B'NAI TIKVAH YOUTH



USY is a great way for Jewish Teens to meet each other, become friends, and participate in fun events together. If you are interested in becoming a member contact Mat Napchen for information on how to join. Here are some of our upcoming events – we look forward to seeing you there!

**February 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>** Mid -Winter Kinnus - Caldwell

Come take part in a weekend filled with great programs and a great way to meet others your age!

If you are interested in attending, or would like more information please contact Mat Napchen

**February 26<sup>th</sup>** – Israel Event – B'nai Tikvah

Come hang out with your N/S Brunswick USY friends and learn about Israel through fun, edible activities.

More information to follow, please RSVP to Mat Napchen by February 20<sup>th</sup>.

For more information or any questions refer to our Facebook page (North/South Brunswick USY) or feel free to contact me (Mat Napchen) at either NSBRUNSWICKUSY@gmail.com or (732) 754-6238.

thank you

Thank you to the following families for generously sponsoring the USY Shabbat Luncheon on January 8:

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# A HUGE THANK YOU...NEEDY FAMILY PROGRAM A SUCCESS

This is my 11th year running this program and it has been the best and most heartwarming. Despite the economic climate, the generosity of our B'nai Tikvah community has been overwhelming, be it with monetary donations, being a family coordinator, purchasing items for these families, donating and delivering beds.... the list is endless.

Some of the families we sponsored:

**A** homeless mother and child living in a shelter,

A family whose father was on suicide watch at a hospital because he was unable to find work and support his family

Several families who requested toothbrushes, shampoo, soap and toilet paper

An entire family sleeping on the floor, (Due to the efforts of some congregants, the entire family is sleeping in beds with the necessary bedding to keep them warm and comfortable.)

On the day of delivery, eight drivers came to my house and loaded their cars and vans with all the purchased goods. This year, we had several social workers instead of transportation aides come to my home.

The initial feedback from the main social worker following the deliveries was as follows:

**“The deliveries went very well. Many of the Moms became very emotional and cried. It was very touching. The Social Workers were shocked as to the generosity of the sponsors and the amount of time and coordination that is put into this program. We are all so grateful to have B’nai Tikvah helping the families in our community.”**

We sponsored eight families this year- a total of 36 people. These people will enter the cold winter months with warm clothing, coats, boots, blankets, much needed kitchen necessities, food and more. In addition, this year, a woman from Metuchen found our program on the internet, contacted me to see if she and her family could participate; they sponsored an entire family!

Thanks to all those who donated money. Please know that every penny was used toward needed purchases for these families. To the child, adult or family who bought, wrapped and delivered the gifts to my house, thank you for your time, efforts and expense. Many of you have been with this program since its inception and I can't thank you enough.

A big thanks goes to Jennifer Shapiro for her support, enthusiasm, time and commitment to this program. Thanks also to Rebecca Shapiro for spending an entire day wrapping, organizing and shopping for last minute items.

No one should ever question who we are...we are a community who cares.

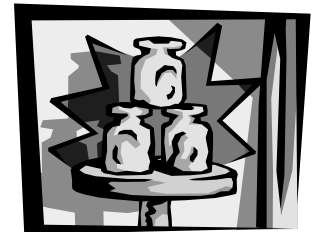
I wish you all a year full of health, peace and contentment.

Janice Baer



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If anyone has gently used winter coats that they would like to donate to needy families this winter, please contact Emma Becker at 732-967-9791.

I am willing to pick up the coats at your place of residence and promise that they will get distributed to those in dire need, through Jersey Care's Annual Coat Drive.


In just 3 weeks, I have received 37 gently used coats from members of Congregation B'nai Tikvah. That is a large number of coats, more than I ever expected to receive. All have been delivered to Jersey Cares. I want to thank the following families for their generosity: David and Marla Cukor, Joel and Hilary Friedman, Mitchell and Arlene Frumkin, Steven and Marcie Kfare, Arnold and Susan Miller, Alan Miller and Ilene

Berstein-Miller, and Philip and Fran Weinstein. Whoever left 2 coats on my front porch, thank you. If anyone wants to contact me, I am still taking coats.

Your Friend,  
Emma Becker

**PS:** Never be scared to show you care about others. Thank you so much for helping me to experience the "high" that comes from helping others.

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# 50 PLUS

Our members are saddened to report the passing of our founder Ann Cherson who was 95 years old on January 3, 2011.

Due to winter weather conditions, we are taking a hiatus and we will greet our members back in March.

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## BIKUR CHOLIM

In Hebrew it means "visiting the sick" but, it encompasses a wide range of activities, performed by an individual or a group to provide comfort and support to people who are ill, homebound, isolated and/or otherwise in distress. With the help of Rabbi Wolkoff, a small committee, headed for Hilary Friedman and Jill Stone has been formed.

We encourage those who are ill, or know of congregants who are, to notify the synagogue office so that other congregants who are willing to offer their support can do so.

## A CELEBRETY ?

Celebrities, sports stars, business leaders... these are often the people that are revered in our society. For me, it is those that are not famous, but who do extraordinary things that are the true heroes. At B'nai Tikvah, there are many such people, but there is one in particular that I would like to recognize.

For the past eleven years, Janice Baer has organized the Needy Family program for our congregation. Every year, she spends much of her free time in November and December, collaborating with social workers to identify those whose basic life needs are not being met. Some of the things people ask for are mattresses, blankets, utensils, socks, underwear, sneakers, etc. Janice then finds congregants willing to help with donations, purchasing an item(s), sponsoring a person or even an entire family. She also takes on the task of shopping with the monetary donations received. Countless mornings before work, Janice stops at stores to search for the just the right item at the best price. She will keep going to stores until she finds what she is looking for. Janice has everyone drop off the items at her house and then along with Jennifer Shapiro, spends days organizing all of it.

I'm not finished yet...Janice also collects gently used coats, hats, gloves, toys, clothes, etc. for New Brunswick school children and their families. For a month, her house serves as a drop-off site for bags of donations that have to be sorted through.

Through it all, Janice gives of her time joyfully. It is truly a labor of love. So, for me, I count Janice amongst the heroes that I look up to. (I just hope she forgives me for the public pronouncement).

Jodi Marcou





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Congregation B'nai Tikvah Religious School

## February Religious School Update

by Shoshanna Schechter-Shaffin, Director

### ***Spotlight on New Special Needs Program***

Every Jewish child deserves a Jewish education. Receiving this Jewish education, however, can become quite challenging when your child is classified as special needs. In the past, many Jewish schools and programs were simply unprepared and unwilling to meet the individual needs of a classified child and therefore, sadly, many Jewish special needs children were denied a Jewish education. In recent years, however, synagogues around the country have begun addressing this important need and created highly successful special needs programs for their religious schools.

I am very proud to announce that our own CBT religious school special needs program officially began this past January. Our new program is led by Heather Goldschmitt, a certified special education teacher and volunteer Laura Waksman, a special education teacher and congregant. Our program offers special needs Hebrew tutoring for 8 students in different grade levels. We also have a very dedicated group of parents that have formed our Special Needs Committee and are working together to help formulate a program that will meet the needs of our students and their families. Our program currently serves students that are classified with learning disabilities, ADD, and ADHD. My sincere hope for the future is that we will be able to expand our program to **ALL** the special needs Jewish children in our community, regardless of their specific issues.

If your child is currently enrolled in our religious school or will be enrolled next year and you feel that they would benefit from special needs tutoring, please be in touch with me directly.

*Report Cards and Parent-Teacher Conferences*  
Religious school report cards will be mailed out the first week in February and Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on Wednesday evening February 16<sup>th</sup> from 6-8:30pm.

**Please do not miss this opportunity to speak to your children's religious school teachers!**

If you would like to schedule a conference with your child's teacher but are unavailable to come in on the 16<sup>th</sup>, please be in touch with me directly to arrange a phone conference.

### *Upcoming Important Dates*

**Sunday February 6<sup>th</sup>** - Mitzvah Day for our K-1, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Aleph classes led by Melissa Katz

**Sunday February 13<sup>th</sup>** - Dalet Class Tallit Completion Ceremony and program at 10:30 am, parents and grandparents are invited.

**Wednesday February 16<sup>th</sup>** - Parent Teacher Conferences from 6-8:30pm

**Sunday February 20<sup>th</sup>** - No Religious School, Presidents Day Weekend

**Friday February 25<sup>th</sup>** - Gimmel Class Friday Night Service

# Looking Down

## ANOTHER VIEWPOINT

When I sent an email to my congregation and other friends asking if anyone would be interested in sky diving with me on my birthday on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, I had no idea what a reaction it would create. I received email responses that ran from OMG, to wish I could go, to good for you, to are you nuts? The emails came all day but only two people signed up.

For the record, I am not suicidal. I love life and the life that I am living, and that I can still experience the joys of life and even give something back. Mili and I retired when I was 65. I figured that if I made it to 80 that would be great, as nobody in the last generation of my family made it much further. So I am rather surprised and delighted that I have made it to 89. In just 7 months from this writing, if my luck holds and God permits, I will pass my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and will be able to fulfill a long time ambition, which is to make a parachute jump.

I am not crazy about heights either. I believe that it may be a natural part of the aging process, but looking down from a tall building or a cliff, puts a knot in my stomach. I believe that it may be a reaction to the perspective view. I get that reaction even if I am watching television and see a scene from the top of a tall building down to the street, but I don't feel that way when I look down from an airplane, or when I went parasailing in Acapulco Bay.

Statistically, I have read that the most dangerous part of the jump is the drive to the airport. When I was younger, I would drive for the sheer pleasure of driving. Having spent most of my career in the insurance and real estate business, and having driven almost a million miles in my lifetime, I am familiar with the vehicular mayhem that occurs on American roadways, so driving for me now is only a means to get from Point A to Point B. Unfortunately, as a driver there is only so much that one can control. I

have been rear-ended three times when I was stuck in traffic or at a red light. Yet, most of us get into our cars with no thought of the 40,000 people who are killed in road accidents each year in America.

My dear Mili never liked heights and never stood on anything higher than her one inch heels, except in an emergency. After World War II, when housing was in great shortage, we lived for a while in a rented basement apartment. On hearing Mili scream one evening, I followed her voice into the bathroom where she was standing on the lid of the toilet seat, pointing wordlessly to a tiny mouse that was quietly looking up at her. That was the only time I remember seeing her off the floor. Despite Mili's abhorrence of heights, she knew me well enough, to my delight, to buy me a balloon ride as a surprise gift for my 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. When I suggested that she join me she just shuddered.

When I was in Israel in 2009 and went to watch the sky divers, I was told I would need a doctor's note to jump. When I mentioned my intention to my doctors in America, they all encouraged me to go for it. And when I asked the jump providers back home if I needed a doctor's note, they said just bring money.

So, I have parasailed in Acapulco, and had a balloon ride for my 65<sup>th</sup> birthday, what's left?

Only sky diving, so please pray for me that I may have a safe drive to the airport!

Aaron Rosloff



# CELEBRATION

## Dear Friend:

In 2001, Congregation B'nai Tikvah was fortunate to have Cantor Bruce Rockman join us as our Cantor. In the past 10 years we have benefited from his love of music, his creativity in programming, and his passion for teaching.

We have also benefited from his wife Stacey's love, kindness and ability to fill our bellies with delicious food week after week. These are just a few of the many ways Cantor Bruce and Stacey have enhanced our community.

This year, in celebration of Cantor Bruce and Stacey's 10 years as an important part of our community, we are honoring them with a gala dinner on **March 5, 2011**.

We hope that you will help us honor them by placing a tribute in the tribute book. The book will be a compilation of thank you notes and good wishes for Cantor Bruce and Stacey.

The tribute book will be a full size 8 ½ X 11 book. If you purchase a space half page or greater, in addition to placement in the book, your name, business' name and contact information (if applicable) will be placed on the home page of our website. You will also be listed as a sponsor of the event on our LCD display prominently visible in the entrance to the synagogue.

This year, we have greatly reduced the cost of the tributes, in an effort to afford everyone the opportunity to take part.

We hope to have every family participate, as these two people have touched all of our lives in one way or another.

This is our chance to let them know just how special they are to our B'nai Tikvah family.

## Tribute Prices:

Full page (gold)	\$ 720
Full page (silver)	\$ 540
Full page	\$ 360
Half page	\$ 218
Quarter page	\$ 154
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**To add a tribute, please email your camera-ready art (PDF preferred or Word Doc) to Renee Juro at [rsjuro@verizon.net](mailto:rsjuro@verizon.net)**

Your tax-deductible donation will not only benefit our community, but put smiles on the faces of two very special people.

Please consider placing your tribute today. If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Zimmerman at [tzimmerman6@gmail.com](mailto:tzimmerman6@gmail.com) or 732-398-1420.

We thank you, in advance, for your participation.

Sincerely,  
Tammy Zimmerman, Ruth Shindler and  
Renee Juro  
Co Chairs

A Cantor told a student that his Hebrew composition was the worst he had ever seen. It has so many errors that I can't understand how one person could have made all of these mistakes. "One person didn't", said the student.  
"My father helped me".

# Save The Date!!

An "Old Fashioned" photographer will be coming to our school on March 16<sup>th</sup>!  
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There are time slots still available at 10 minute intervals from 12:00 PM to 8:10 PM on March 16th.

Please fill out the coupon below with your time preference and bring or mail it in to our office with a \$10.00 check made out to the JCC of N&S Brunswick Nursery School or further information, please call at 732-297-0295 or email us at [nursery@bnaitikvah.org](mailto:nursery@bnaitikvah.org)

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## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our semi-annual General Membership Meeting was held on Monday, December 20th, called to order by President Ruth Anne Koenick.

Membership reported that we had a successful "first year free to relatives and friends" campaign. Membership has increased by 26 families which helped to offset the 11 families that resigned. Income will not be seen until next year but many of them have children who have joined our Nursery and Hebrew schools. They are still looking to increase membership with this and other programs.

Our Religious school has an increase of 11 bringing the total to 121 students. Shoshanna Schechter-Shaffin is doing an excellent job. Nursery School enrollment is at 44 students. Summer camp was successful and will be continued next year.

The youth committee reported that everything is running nicely and are looking into starting a group for children as young as 3rd grade. Look at the website for more school notices. The Rabbi's classes have been well attended and the committee is looking for more ideas. The Bikur Cholim committee is meeting regularly and the Library Café is doing well.

Michael Weiss is continuing to improve the publication of Hakol along with the help of CarolAnn Harkavy, Gary Bergman, Janet Weiss, Jonathan Weiss, Ann Gold and Betty Koffler.

The social action program, run by Janice Baer, is in its 11th year and is doing a great job helping people in need.

In the future we are looking into solar energy by means of adding solar panels to the roof. Also finalizing a contract with Chabad.

The budget of almost \$1,170,000 was passed. Aaron Rosloff is looking for someone to take over Rejoice.

## CLEANING OUT YOUR CLOSETS???

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They will help you take your donations out of the car and they will also give you a receipt for tax purposes. This program is connected with the New Brunswick Public Schools Adult Learning Center.



## Ink Recycle Program



Just a reminder that we collect used inkjet cartridges, throughout the year. Bring the empty cartridges from your inkjet printers at home or work to the synagogue office. We recommend that empty cartridges are brought in a Ziploc bag to prevent any possible leakage on hands, clothing, etc.

### COMING IN MARCH

Sunday	March 6th	Kadima RGB Event
Friday	March 11th	Birthday Shabbat
Sarurday	March 12th	Suedah & Study
Sunday	March 13th	Daylight Savings Time
Sunday	March 13th	Hamantashen Prog
Wed	March 16th	Nursery Family Art
Wed	March 16th	Who Wrote the Bible?
Friday	March 18th	Family Shabbat Service
Saturday	March 19th	Megillah Reading
Sunday	March 20th	Purim Prog.,Carnival Megillah Reading Wine Tasting
Monday	March 21st	Nursery Purim Carnival
Saturday	March 26th	Sisterhood Shabbat
Sunday	March 27th	Pancake Breakfast
Sunday	March 27th	Chai School Brunch

## What? Can't Make a Meeting?

Video teleconferencing used to be both difficult and expensive but, as technology continues to improve, it has now become both much easier and totally free.

A new service from me.tokbox.com offers free video chat with up to 20 participants and an unlimited number of "listeners". Listeners don't need any special equipment but, participants are required to have a webcam, microphone, and preferably headphones instead of speakers.

Webcams have come way down in price (some under \$20) and you can even get a super high quality HD camera for about \$100.

In addition to the free service, tokbox.com is encouraging web programmers to build their own apps. I am in the process of trying to learn this technology and hope to develop an intuitive and easy-to-use portal on the B'nai Tikvah website.

In the meanwhile, if you have a webcam, sign up for a free account at me.tokbox.com and feel free to experiment with your fellow congregants (and yours truly) to see how this could be of benefit to you and/or your committee.

Gary Bergman  
webmaster@bnaitikvah.org  
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# RITUAL COMMITTEE

## KNOW YOUR RITES

During services, when the Shema prayer was said, half the congregants stood up and half remained sitting. The half that was seated started yelling at those standing to sit down, and the ones standing yelled at the ones sitting to stand up...

The new rabbi, learned as he was in the Law and commentaries, didn't know what to do. His congregation suggested that he consult a housebound 98-year old man, who was one of the original founders of their synagogue to tell him what the actual synagogue tradition was.

The rabbi asked the old man, "Is the tradition to stand during this prayer?" The old man answered, "No, that is not the tradition."

"Is the tradition to sit during Shema?" The old man answered, "No, that is not the tradition."

Then the rabbi said to the old man, "The congregants fight all the time, yelling at each other about whether they should sit or stand..."

The old man interrupted, exclaiming, "THAT is our tradition!"

It's a classic joke, but you have probably experienced something similar. Perhaps B'nai Tikvah doesn't do something the way your synagogue did when you were a child or perhaps you've visited a friend's synagogue and wondered at the differences. Because we do things differently doesn't necessarily mean one congregation is right or wrong.

*One source of Jewish law (halakhah) is customs (minhag). These are traditions that are not mentioned in the Torah or mandated by law but are nonetheless followed. For example Ashkenazic Jews consider it minhag to name a child after deceased relatives; Sephardic Jews' minhag is to name after a living relative. Even the celebrations of bar and bat mitzvahs and marriages under the chuppah are minhag. Many minhagim (traditions) vary from synagogue to synagogue and community to community. In future articles, we'll discuss some of B'nai Tikvah's minhagim.*

If you're unsure why we do things in a particular way, Rabbi Wolkoff is always happy to explain. Just don't be surprised if he quotes Tevye of Anatevka and answers, "Tradition!"

# B'NAI MITZVAH February 2011



Jamie Lewkowitz  
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February 5th

## Schedule of Services

Sunday	9:00 am & 7:30 pm
Monday	7:30 pm
Tuesday	7:30 pm
Wednesday	7:30 pm
Thursday	7:30 am & 7:30 pm
Friday	8:00 pm
Saturday	9:30 am
Sunday	9:30 am

## Candle Lighting Times

February	4	5:01 pm
February	11	5:10 pm
February	18	5:18 pm
February	25	5:26 pm
March	4	5:34 pm

## Mincha/ma'ariv and Havdalah

February	5	5:00 pm
February	12	5:15 pm
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Seudah & Study		4:45 pm
February	26	5:30 pm
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- Feb 5 Scott, Stacey and big sister Dana Lewkowitz in honor of Jamie's B'nai mitzvah
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- Feb 19 Shabbat Luncheon
- Feb 26 Shabbat Luncheon
- March 5 Michael and Janet Weiss in honor of their son, Jonathan's upcoming marriage to Irene Manas on March 20, 2011



## MY THOUGHTS ON THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE GABRIELLE GIFFORD

I am not young anymore. It is hard to inspire me, but United States Representative Gabrielle (Gaby) Giffords did just that for me on so many levels. I must admit being overly interested in politics, particularly in the game of trying to identify individuals who capture the spirit of public service in just the right way that I want to work for them one day. Well, that is what Gaby did for me and I will tell you why.

It is not an easy task to get elected for a third term in such a politically divisive district in Arizona as the one Gaby represents with aplomb and enthusiasm and grace. She is unique and I picked up on that about two years ago. I cannot say that I ever met Congresswoman Giffords, but in her I found a public servant with my sensibilities. It is not easy for a Jewish woman interested in politics to find role models. Representative Giffords is a trailblazer, the only woman US Representative in the entire state. Representative Giffords is not a lawyer. She received her Masters of Science in Regional Planning from Cornell University. Ms. Giffords passion for the environment and for creating alternative sources of renewable energy and linking this work to job creation, resonates with me too. I studied urban planning and often thought to myself that it would behoove the country if more planning professionals went into politics. And there she is again, Gaby Giffords, fulfilling that fantasy on my behalf. And there are other ways in which I feel so connected to Representative Giffords. Gaby visited Israel in 2001 and it changed her life. She stated: "It just cemented the fact that I wanted to spend more time with my own personal, spiritual growth. I felt very committed to Judaism. Religion means different things to different people. It provides me with grounding, a better understanding of who I came from."

I went to Israel for the first time in 2010 and it changed my life. To be in Israel is to experience the sensation of a population cemented together by the common vision that this place is integral to the Jewish people's survival. Our religion emanated from this place, and had we had it to go to during the Holocaust, many millions of innocent human beings would have been saved. There is a sense one gets as one reads Gaby's bills and plans and speeches that there is a nexus between her identification with the essence of the vibrant Jew always fighting and pushing forward never giving up that is so encapsu-

lated by the situation in Israel, and Gaby's political life that "took" off upon her return to the United States from Israel. Not only did Gaby say that being Jewish and identifying with the religion took on a much bigger role in her life, but her tenacity and focus to achieve in the world of politics and right the wrongs in the universe took shape post 2001 as well. And lastly, Gaby is on the Board of the National Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC, one of only four US Representatives. Giffords has pushed Jewish and pro-Israel issues to the forefront at the state and federal levels. She initiated an Arizona law facilitating Holocaust-era insurance claims for survivors, and in Congress she led an effort to keep Iran from obtaining parts for combat aircraft.

I want the Jewish community of CBT and of Middlesex County to take a minute and pray for Representative Gabrielle Gifford. Why, because she can inspire our youth to go into politics and not be scared to be who they are and to show the world that you can grow spiritually as a human being as you grow as a politician. Gaby makes me excited to be an environmental planner working in the public sector, she makes me excited about Israel because she speaks openly about how important the future security of Israel is to the world, she makes me happy to be Jewish and to know that there is another human being out there that greatly respects the legacy of the Holocaust, and she is in Washington using her skills and passion to protect important interests of mine. Gaby makes me smile because she has a beautiful smile and because I truly believe she has the personality and the intelligence to become our country's first Jewish Vice President or President of the United States.

I pray that Gaby recovers and that she is able to return to her post. If she is not able to return to politics I will be very, very, very, very sad. Incredibly sad and somewhat alone in my sadness because I noticed this beautiful person before she got shot in the head and because I wanted to believe she would one day dominate the national political scene. We all need inspiration. We all need role models. We all need hope for the future. I spend time looking for people who have the ability to give me these gifts. And Gaby Giffords has played that role in my life. Please take some time to pray for her full recovery. May we all work on her presidential campaign one day and look back at this nightmare as just a distant memory.

Mirah Becker



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