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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR PESACH WEEK

Mon.	April 18	7:30 am (Fast of the First Born and Siyyum) 7:30 pm
Tue.	April 19	10:00 am
Wed.	April 20	10:00 am and 7:30 pm
Thurs.	April 21	7:30 am and 7:30 pm
Fri.	April 22	8:00 PM
Sat.	April 23	9:30 am and 7:30 pm
Sun.	April 24	9:00 am and 7:30 pm
Mon.	April 25	9:30 am and 7:30 pm
Tues.	April 26	9:30 am and 7:30 pm

A Message From Rabbi Robert Wolkoff

It may come as a surprise, but much of our regular prayer service is based on biblical and rabbinic images of how angels prayed to Hashem. The most famous example, of course, is the way we rise “like angels” during the “Kedushah” section of the “Amidah,” declaring, like the angels, the “Holy, Holy, Holy” nature of G-d.

Even a prayer as seemingly simple as “Ein Keloheinu,” near the end of the Shabbat morning service, had its origin in a rabbinic vision of the song sung by the heavenly animals supporting the ark of G-d.

Our ancestors developed a rich angelology—the Encyclopedia Judaica entry on angels runs for 22 columns, an enormous amount of information. And the classic Jewish dictionary on the subject, *Malachei Elyon (Angels on High)* sports 456 entries (325 good angels; 131 from what is known in Jewish mythology as “the Other Side”).

Angels can be seen broadly as a manifestation of G-d’s presence in the world. But they often have very distinct personalities and attributes. Raphael, for example, is generally referred to as the angel of healing; Michael, the guardian angel of Israel; etc.

The late, great Debbie Friedman ztz”l wrote a beautiful song, based on the traditional prayer before bed, which describes the angels that surround us:

The Angels' Blessing

*M'y'mini M'kha'el, u-mismoli Gavri'el
U-m'l'fanai Uri'el, u-mei'achorai R'fa'el
V'al roshi Sh'khinah. (4x)*

May our right hand bring us closer to our Godliness.
May our left hand give us strength to face each day.
And before us may our visions light our paths ahead.
And behind us may well-being heal our way.
All around us is Shechinah (4x).

May Michael be at my right hand, Gabriel at my left,
Before me Uriel, behind me Raphael,
And above my head the Divine Presence.

Beside the well-known angels mentioned in Cantor Friedman’s prayer, there is the (in some circles) famous trio of Sanvei, Sansanvei, and Samangalof. These are the angels sent to protect babies from the clutches of Lilith, one of the most significant fallen angels, or demons.

From “Chad Gadyah” in the Pesach Seder, we all know of the “malachhamaves” “the angel of death.” And if you remember the book of Job, it is the “satan”, the divine prosecuting attorney, who suggests to G-d that He make Job’s life miserable in order to test his loyalty. Eventually, the biblical satan will become Satan, the arch-enemy of G-d... but that’s another story.

Perhaps the most fascinating angel is Metatron, an angel with a unique history. He appears to be the result of the transformation of Enoch who, we are told in the Bible, didn’t die. Instead, he “walked with G-d; then he was no more, for G-d took him”—which was interpreted in the early Jewish mystical tradition to mean that G-d took him and transformed him into an eternal being.

What are these angels all about? It appears to me that they are symbols of the most powerful and eternal of human yearnings—for power, for healing, for control over death, for transcendence. By making explicit the personalities of these different angels, our tradition allows us to examine ourselves, to understand who and what we truly are, and to determine what we should strive to become.

And thereby, in the spirit of President Lincoln’s superbly felicitous expression, we make it possible to be “touched, as surely we will be, by the better angels of our nature.” Have a wonderful and kosher Pesach.

Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff

By Cantor Bruce Rockman

“Grant us the blessing of light, gladness, joy, and honor”

From The Book of Esther and recited weekly during Havdalah

This statement describes the Jewish people’s sense of exhilaration and success as the Jews of Persia overcame adversity. When I express my passion for the Jewish people, when I applaud you, these are the words I use. And then, when you honored Stacey and me with “gladness, joy and honor.” you overwhelmed us with your love and filled us with pride.

When you honored our family I stated, “...from B’nai Tikvah, we travel together on our personal, spiritual journeys, searching for a suitable path to a rational religious center, where prayer and Torah study inspire us. And where we can find a way to answer our need to do God’s work through acts of giving and loving kindness, this is our way of life.” God lights our way, much as a candle in the dark brightens our path that helps us find our way to a loving, just, and meaningful life.

This theme ,which I have often written about, describes you and your many act of kindness. This is our mission, from our nursery school through our religious school. The generosity and the effort by our Sisterhood to provide for others is epic. Everywhere you turn at B’nai Tikvah there is an initiative to improve the lives of others. This is our triumph.

My appreciation of you is boundless. One might say that giving is a sacrifice, in a way it is, but from a group that is dedicated to Torah values like the B’nai Tikvah family is, kindness and giving sustains our souls just as eating and drinking sustain our bodies.

You are the kindest people that I have ever met.

Your kind expressions to Stacey and me, in the L’chaim, tribute journal, will energize my efforts to turn my words into prayers of joy and thanksgiving, and my actions into blessings.

Our family will never forget that special night and all of the individuals who worked tirelessly on our behalf. In sports it is said to be difficult to manage a team of all-stars. Phyllis Safeer, you were masterful as you and your team threw the party of the year, the celebration of our lifetime. We felt the love!

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Cantor Bruce Rockman



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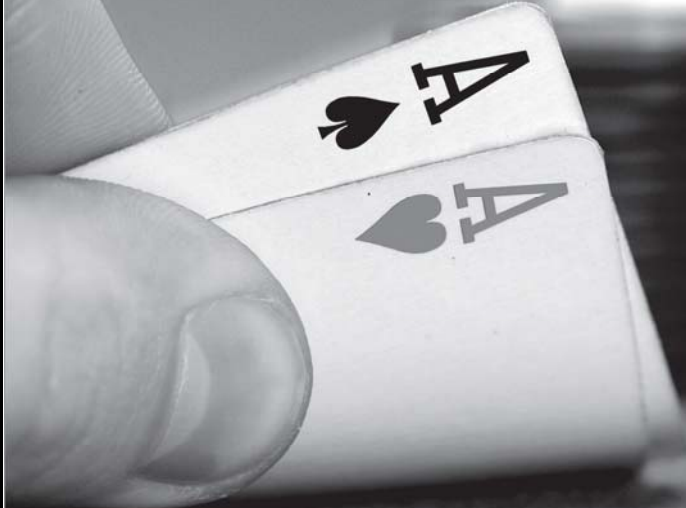
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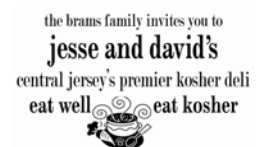
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Sunday, April 3rd, at 10:00 am

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The story is brought to life through Dustin Hoffman's narration, and interviews with dozens of passionate and articulate fans, writers, executives, and especially players including Al Rosen, Kevin Youkilis, Shawn Green, Bob Feller, Yogi Berra, and a rare interview with the Hall of Fame pitcher Sandy Koufax. Fans including Ron Howard and Larry King connect the stories of baseball to their own lives, and to the turbulent history of the last century. Their stories are inter-cut with dramatic and never-before-seen film clips and photos of great Jewish players, unforgettable games, and the broad sweep of American history.

For further information and confirmation of attendance, please email Steve Katz MC President at skatz56@aol.com.

Thank you.

Yom HaShoah, Monday, May 2nd.

Many people in the United States observe Yom HaShoah, which is also known as Holocaust Remembrance Day. It commemorates the lives and heroism of Jewish people who died in the Holocaust between 1933 and 1945. Many people in the United States, including those with Jewish ancestry or connections, observe Yom HaShoah on the 27th day of the month of Nisan (May 1st this year). Many Jewish communities hold commemorative ceremonies or events to remember Holocaust victims who died during World War II. Activities may include lighting memorial candles and reciting the *Kaddish*, which is a prayer for the departed.

In 1981, members of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, [FJMC](#), a branch of the mainstream Conservative movement, created a special memorial project specifically for Yom HaShoah. A dedicated yahrzeit candle was conceived, with yellow wax and a barbed-wire Star of David logo reminiscent of the armbands Jews were forced to wear during the Holocaust. This object has come to be known as the FJMC Yellow Candle (TM). Approximately 300,000 candles are distributed around the world each year, along with relevant prayers and meditations.

As it does every year, the CBT Men's Club will be mailing you a FJMC Yellow Candle, a suggested meditation to recite during the lighting of the candle, and details of when our commemorative Yom HaShoah service will take place. Please remember to light your candles and, if able, participate in our reading-of-names service to remember those who perished during the Holocaust. Never forget, never again!!!



Passover Wine Sale Pick-up - Wine Pick-up will be Sunday, April 10th ,9-12 noon. Tuesday, April 12th ,6-8PM, and Wednesday. April 13th ,4-7:30PM. Wine Pick -up location is at the Gift Shop. Times are subject to change. Any questions please call Andea Katz : 732-329-0687.

Thursday, April 7, 2011 at 8:00PM: Sisterhood warmly welcomes the entire congregation to a fascinating evening with Robert Bielski, the son of Tuvia Bielski. Robert Bielski will discuss how his father and uncles fought the Nazis and saved more than 1,200 Jews in the forests of what is now Belarus. Their heroics became the subject of the 2008 Oscar- nominated movie "Defiance." This program is presented together with our "sister" Sisterhoods: East Brunswick Jewish Center, Highland Park Conservative Temple, and Congregation Beth El in Somerset. This event will be at B'nai Tikvah.

Social Action – For the month of April, Sisterhood will be collecting toys for children (both boys and girls) ages 1-3 and ages 10-15 for Sharsheret's Busy Box program. This program was developed from the requests of women fighting breast cancer. Busy Boxes provide support and resources to help the women address the needs of their children during diagnosis, treatment, and post-treatment. The items should be small enough to fit into a "boot size" shoe box. As always ,these items can be brought to any Sisterhood event, meeting, or given to Caroline Scharf at any time. Thank you for your continued support!

Thursday, May 5th, 2001 at 8:00PM – In today's world, everybody is worried about how they look. However, looking great doesn't have to take too much time, effort, or money when it comes to using cosmetics. All you have to do is know what you're doing. Erica Oddo, a licensed cosmetologist, make -up artist and teacher comes highly recommended . She will demonstrate how to properly apply your makeup, teach how to apply those 'smoky' nighttime eyes that everyone wants to show off, and make product recommendations. Bring your make-up, and mirror, and try her techniques on yourself!

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Our Second Annual Family Art Night/Open House was a huge success! Each classroom was set up as an art gallery with the teachers as the curators. Students' artwork was displayed in their classroom galleries as well as in the Family Gallery in the gym. Families decorated a "JCC Family Quilt" and many designed a fundraiser art project that will be made into usable or decorative plates. More than 35 families were signed up for Vintage Photography. There were slide shows depicting scenes from this school year and last summer's camp session. Thank you Webmaster Bergman for setting up the computers. There was also a demonstration given by Miss Linda from Computer Tots; she will be working with campers this summer.

This was an opportunity for parents to sign up for "activit-e," a new link for our website.

Kudos to all the teachers and assistants, parent volunteers, camp staff and summer volunteers who helped make this night a real winner!

I would like to thank Jennifer Manson and her carnival committee for all their behind-the-scenes work for our Purim carnival in the gym on Shushan Purim. The gym was decorated beautifully and the booths "manned" by many PAC volunteers. Kudos to all the families who contributed prizes to enhance the children's experience. We wish to thank all those who lent us games for our booths.

Our school is now preparing for the next Jewish holiday, Pesach. Soon everyone will be cleaning and sweeping just like their parents do at home. The children will be taught the FOUR Questions—the Ma Nishtanah. Why is this night different from all other nights? The answers to those questions will be learned in the story of Passover when the Jews were slaves in Egypt and eventually made their "Exodus" into the desert.

Each class will have its own seder. Projects are being made to enhance the seders. Parents are invited. Save the dates! All classes will have their seders on Wednesday, April 13th. Invitations will be sent home soon. Those students who usually do not attend school on Wednesdays are invited (along with their parents) to join the class for their Passover seder.

School will be closed for Pesach vacation from Monday, April 18th through Tuesday, April 26th. Classes will resume on Wednesday, April 27th.

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

Until next month...

Phyllis



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

Our Annual Lock-In was a hit once again this year w/ 20 members attending. Most of the 8th graders stayed up all night & all other members made it up until about 3:30 am.

April 3 – Regional Roller Rama in Woodbridge at 2 pm. No transportation to this event.

April 10 – Chocolate Seder at the home of Eve & Farrah Cukor at 1:30 pm, 19 University Rd, East Brunswick. RSVP to me by 4/7.

April 28 – Kadima Ice Cream Social to welcome all 5th Graders to our 2011 Kadima year. In the Youth Lounge from 7-8 pm. RSVP by 4/22.

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Kadima Lock-in



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!

April 8th-10th Somerset, NJ - Spring Convention

✦ Come to the last convention of the year to hang out with all of your Hagalil friends!! If you are interested in attending, or want more information, please contact Mat Napchen.

April 30th – B'nai Tikvah Rock-A-Thon

✦ Are you craving some more time with your friends? And are you having a strange urge to rock in a chair for a REALLY long time? Well then, you need to come to the NSBUSY ROCK-A-THON! We will be rocking in chairs for 12 hours to raise as much money as possible for T.O.! If you are interested in attending, or would like more information, please contact Mat Napchen.

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Having recently completed 11 months of mourning for my dearly beloved father, Max Rubenstein, of blessed memory, it is comforting to know that I had the support of so many wonderful individuals who made it possible for me to recite Kaddish at daily minyanim.

Allen and I have just celebrated two years as members of Congregation B'nai Tikvah, and feel so much a part of this Temple family. By attending daily and Shabbat services, we have become acquainted with so many caring people. There are no words to express our

appreciation to each and every one of you, (and you all know who you are), for coming out in all sorts of weather conditions, and for being there for me and other mourners in helping to support the minyan. Your kindness, compassion and friendship will always be remembered. Allen and I will be attending evening minyanim at least once a week, and we hope you will join us in this mitzvah. Thanks again.

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April Religious School Update

by Shoshanna Schechter-Shaffin, Director



Grand Model Seder

All Religious School families, nursery school families, and prospective members are invited to attend our **Grand Model Passover Seder**, Sunday, April 10th, at 9:30 am in the Social Hall.

Let's share our favorite Passover songs and Seder traditions together with our children! Every single Religious School class, including Chai School, will be included in this program and lead a different portion of the Seder.

Thanks to some of our donors, as a part of this program each student will be receiving their very own *Haggadah* to practice with in school and then to take home and use at own family Passover celebrations.

A light brunch will be served and RSVPs are **REQUIRED** by April 3rd.

We sincerely hope that you will consider donating to the Religious School for this important event. You may want to consider donating in honor of a loved one who has passed away, someone with whom you have shared special Passover memories.

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RSVP

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We look forward to seeing you there!!!!

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Upcoming Important Dates

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Sunday April 17th- April 26th

NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DUE TO PASSOVER BREAK

Wednesday April 27th-
Religious School Resumes

Sunday May 8th-

Hei Class and Chai School Trip to the BRAND NEW National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia.

Gimmel Class Mock Wedding

Friday May 6th-

Bet Class Shabbat Dinner and Service

Friday May 13th-

Aleph Class Dinner and Consecration Service

Saturday May 14th-

Dalet Class Junior Congregation Service

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ANOTHER VIEWPOINT

Looking Up

Today is February 11, 2011. I had a dream last night that I went to the bank to negotiate a loan to buy a submarine. Not a giant military submarine, but a small civilian job that would have windows you could look out of to see the sea. I have read about private submarines, but never gave it much thought—until I woke up this morning and remembered that there really are such things. That one could get into his boat and, instead of merely sailing on the surface, go down and cruise along the bottom or just park near a reef and watch the marine life, while you munch on lunch or take pictures, without the constraints of cumbersome gear or bottles of compressed air on your back.

So, I went to a bank to ask for a loan just as you would for a car loan. I'll never know whether I got that loan because, dreams being short, I woke up before negotiations were completed. But that doesn't mean that my dream was unrealistic; it was just unusual.

When I woke up, I went online (where else?) and punched in "Civilian Submarine." The first thing that came up was a 45 -passenger tourist submarine for sale for \$699,000. The ad says, and I quote, "the Marcia - 1, submersible, capable of carrying 45 passengers and a crew of 3 on sightseeing expeditions in comfort and safety, providing excellent undersea views via large -diameter viewports. Tours are conducted for approximately 45 minutes at a maximum depth of 250 feet."

I am not making this up. You can go to Google yourself and punch in "Civilian Submarines" and see what comes up. Here's one that startled me.: "US Navy warships. Looking for US Navy warships? Find exactly what you are looking for today." Well , I'm not interested in a mine layer or a nuclear submarine. All I want is a small sub that can carry 2 or 3 passengers, say 20- or 30 -foot long, that can cruise around the bay; rest on the bottom ; with large windows through which to watch the sea , and take pictures while

I munch on lunch with a friend or two.

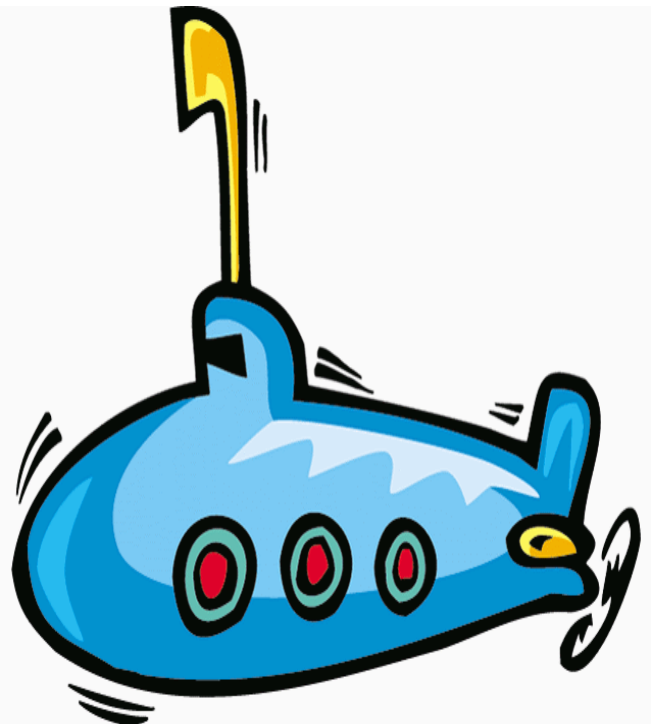
Imagine that you are sitting comfortably looking at a large fish that is looking for something (or someone else) to eat. You take a bite of your hamburger and a sip of Coke,. Your camera is in your lap. Suddenly, there it is— the perfect shot that you have been waiting for: a large fish, with a smaller one half- sticking out of its mouth , swimming past the window. You snap the picture and will want to show it to everyone. Now you can't wait till tomorrow to do it all again. And guys, what a way to impress your girlfriend.



I read 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea when I was a boy in the 1930s. Jules Verne must have dreamed about life under the sea and then wrote accurately and imaginatively about a part of life that he could only have guessed at. What genius to create the adventures of Captain Nemo, his crew, and the Nautilus. Today, it's no longer science fiction. All it takes is money.

Does anyone know of a local bank that is making loans on used submarines?

Aaron Rosloff



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JEWISH SPORTS NEWS

More Jews appeared in the 2010 Major Baseball League than in any other year. 15 players played in last years season but unfortunately many where injured for part of the season. Kevin Youkillis , Jewish Major Leaguer of the decade (Boston Red sox) hurt his thumb on Aug 2 but did not play after that.

SPANISH EDITION



Starting with the September, 2012 Issue (Elul 5772) Hakol will also print a Spanish Edition. This is due to an increase in our population of Spanish speaking members and to attract new families.

In an interview, with Lynne WeissMarshall, Administrator for B'nai Tikvah, we where told that there had been numerous requests for a Spanish issue by congregants whose first language was Spanish, not English, and are having a hard time reading the English edition of Hakol.

It took several months for the Board of Directors to approve the new edition. They debated over the increase in the cost of publishing two editions and if their was truly a need .

After voting to pass the measure the Board decided to find an editor for the new edition. If you would like to volunteer or know of someone who would be perfect for the position please notify Michael Weiss, the editor of Hakol so we can get in touch with that person.

Have a festive Purim and of course April Fools.

THINGS TO DO APRIL 2011

April	3	"Jews in Baseball"
April	8	Birthday Shabbat
April	13	Nursery Seder Who Wrote the Bible? Gimel Chocolate Seder
April	17	Start of Spring Break Pre-Passover Dinner Search for Chametz
April	18	First Seder
April	27	Schools Resume

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COMING IN MAY

May	1	Federation Yom HaShoah Prog
May	2	CBT Yom HaShoah Program
May	4	Board of Directors
May	5	Sisterhood Program 2nd Generation Meeting
May	6	Bet Class Shabbat Dinner
May		Gimel Model Wedding USY Cake Challenge
May	9	Yom Ha'Atzmaut Program
May	11	Who Wrote the Bible
May	12	Kadima Boot Camp
May	13	Nursery Yom Ha'Atzmaut Parade Alef Consecration
May	14	Seudah & Study
May	15	Men's Club Chai Orientation & 2nd Grade to Alef
May	20	Family Shabbat Service
May	21	Dalet Class & Junior Congregation Shabbat
May	22	CBT Lag B'omer Picnic
May	23	Nursery School Lag B'omer Picnic
May	26	Kadima Tie Dye
May	30	Memorial Day

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Rockman Gala Wrap UP and THANK YOU'S by Phyllis Safeer

There was a very committed group of people that worked with me since July to prepare for the March 5 gala event who deserve very special recognition:

The tri-chairs **Tammy Zimmerman, Renee Juro, and Ruth Shindler** for their work in creating the beautiful Tribute Journal (available at the B'nai Tikvah office), and for arranging the wonderful silent auction. Months of soliciting, planning, documenting and thought went into these aspects of this very successful B'nai Tikvah fundraiser. A special thank you to **Tammy** for patiently explaining to me the difference between a Tribute Journal and an Ad Journal and for taking my idea to use the leftover invitations as placecards and turning them into something beautiful. Thanks for not ever settling for anything less than perfect. Thanks to **Renee** for coming to each committee meeting with her computer and for keeping us all apprised of the totals for all of the ads and tributes and prizes – so much behind the scenes work and for showing your creative side and helping with the placecards. Thanks to **Ruth** for her persistence with advertisers and silent auction contributors – getting gifts as late as the day before the event to add to the wonderful silent auction prize list.

Thanks to **Steve Juro** for being the mastermind behind the marketing and communications campaign. The Hakol ads and articles, the Facebook page, the B'nai Tikvah website, the emails, the invitations, the monitor in the lobby, bima announcements and for helping so much with the layout of the Tribute Journal. This event would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of Steve.

Thanks to **Larry Cohen** for stepping in and managing the Nifty 50/50 from start to finish. Thanks also for lending your support and knowledge of past fundraisers to everyone on the committee.

Congratulations to the 3 winners of the 50/50 (the Tinkels, the Callagy's and the Fishelbergs)

Thank you to **Amanda Dillman** who was instrumental in getting the centerpieces donated from **Total Party**, also volunteering her time to make them with **Dori**, the owner of **Total Party**. Thanks to the entire Dillman family for managing the table arrangements for all 280 attendees.

Thanks to **Cindy Gittleman** for creating our L'Chaim theme and working so diligently to get the invitations out according to schedule and for organizing the creative committee for the gift.

Thanks to **Bobbi Binder, Matica & Harris Bierstein and especially Dot Cohen** for working so creatively on the beautiful gift that was presented to the Rockmans.

Thank you to **Dave Spivak** for the spectacular invitation design and Rockman photo shoot which was carried through on all marketing materials.

Thanks to **Ben Gottesman** for the slideshow and for coordinating all media and special effects which are now viewable on our website.

Thanks to **SaskiaMarina Photography** and **Krystle Clear Productions** for volunteering their time to photograph and record the event.

Thank you to **Danny Greenberg** for creating a great and super easy-to-use database and tracking all RSVPs and helping with the Silent Auction, to **Stacey Cadoff** for being on the committee and planning and doing anything that was asked of you and thanks for your help with the Silent Auction, to **Brenda Sherman** for your help with the Silent Auction and placecards and for donating many prizes, to **Marci Kfare** for helping with the Silent Auction, and to **Gary Bergman** for helping with marketing on the website, with PayPal and the Silent Auction.

Thank you to **Ruth Anne Koenick** for asking me to Chair this Gala Committee. I appreciate your faith and trust in me. Thank you to our great emcee for the evening, **Barry Safeer**, and to all of the presenters and a thanks to **Stu Allen** for being supportive and to everyone else that helped the committee to prepare this wonderful tribute, L'Chaim!

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WEBMASTER

I just placed my order for an iPad. Why? What do I need one for anyway? I'm usually a first or early adopter of new technology and I have a houseful of obsolete hardware to prove it. But, I see more and more of our congregants have one (or two) and are finding uses for it they hadn't originally considered. It appears, the most used app is the internet browser. Whether it's to get the latest news, watch a TV show or movie, or just to keep in touch with friends and colleagues. As the chief maintainer of the synagogue's website, I find it increasingly important that our website be useful and easy to navigate from these tablet devices. If you have any difficulties or suggestion how we can make our website easier to navigate or "fit" better on your iPad, please send your comments or ideas to webmaster@bnaitikvah.org and I'll do my best to apply them.

Gary Bergman
Sent from My-Pad

HELLO

My coat drive project officially ended at the end of the first week of March. The last trunk full of coats is being taken to the Irvington Housing Authority and distributed to needy families through New Jersey Cares. We collected more than 100 coats and jackets during this three-month coat drive; all but 19 were collected from our own Congregation B'nai Tikvah families. That is really amazing. I want to thank the following people for their generous contributions :

Jill Glassman , Hilary Friedman, Harriet Herschinov, Aaron Roslojj , Adele Leader, Andrea Katz, Shirley Olinsky, and Sylvia Shore-Katz

What did I learn from this project? That as wealthy as this country is, there are so many less fortunate people who do not own something as basic as a winter coat. I started this project because I have often thought about how cold my grandmother must have been during the Holocaust and how hard it must have been for her to always be cold. This project taught me that one person can make a difference, if she is helped and supported by a loving community. I hope that the coats represent our belief in the recipients and that they can feel our belief every winter day they put on their nice coats.

Emma Becker



More people are tuning in to Rabbi Wolkoff's Adult Education lecture series on "Who Wrote the Bible?". While most people are not comfortable calling in during a live session, many are beginning to text their questions and opinions to elicit responses from the rabbi during the broadcast. Click the icon wherever you see it on the website to catch up on previous lectures or participate with us from the comfort of your home or wherever you are.

Next session: Wednesday, April 13, 8 pm.

RITUAL COMMITTEE

Know Your Rites

Jewish prayer is not restricted to words alone. The melodies we sing have their own spirituality and there is also a lot of movement in Jewish worship. The idea that body movement can express devotion to God appears in the Book of Psalms: "All my limbs shall say 'Who is like You, O Lord?'" (35:10) While standing and bowing are halakhically mandated at various parts of the service, other movements could demonstrate one's passion for worship as well.

In Hasidic and neo-Hasidic communities, ecstatic dancing and clapping can be part of a prayer service. A more common movement of this nature is swaying, often known by the Yiddish term *shucklen*. The practice has become natural for many Jews who engage in regular prayer. Rabbi Yehiel Michel Epstein in the 19th century asserted that many sway during prayer because it improves their *kavannah* (spiritual intensity) and helps engage the individual in conversation with God. However, some scholars find it distracting, feeling that it causes one to lose concentration and focus.

This month, we look at motions commonly used while reciting the *Amidah*. Though many Jewish prayers can be recited while seated, standing is perhaps the most essential physical position of Jewish prayer. When the rabbis of the Talmud refer to prayer, they are almost always referring to the *Amidah* or "Standing Prayer." As its name suggests, this prayer is recited while standing in silent devotion, as if one were standing before God, with one's heels together. It is also customary to take three steps back and three steps forward when beginning the *Amidah*, as if approaching God.

Many of the common bowing moments in prayer concern statements of blessing; the first and last two blessings of the *Amidah* require a bow. At the end of the *Amidah*, as we say "He makes peace amongst [the angels] upon high," we depart from God's presence (*Shechinah*) by taking three steps backward, and bowing to God's right (we bow left, since we are facing the *Shechinah*). This represents kindness, as symbolized by the angel Michael. Then, we bow to God's left (our right), which represents the Divine attribute of judgment, symbolized by the angel Gabriel. Lastly, we bow to the center, to indicate that God resolves the conflicts between the two. After this, we take three steps forward to symbolize return to a more mundane level and may be seated. (As Rabbi Wolkoff has mentioned recently, one should remain standing after completing the *Amidah* if those next to you haven't finished so as to not rush others' prayer and contemplation. Additionally, one should not brush past or disturb a worshipper immersed in the *Amidah*.)

During weekday prayers (except that of Ma'ariv) and Shabbat *shacharit*, the silent *Amidah* is followed by *hazarat ha-shats*, a repetition of the prayer aloud by the *chazzan* or prayer leader. On Shabbat morning, during *musaf*, the opening prayers, followed by the *Kedushah* and chanted by the *chazzan*, precede the silent reading. The origin of this practice goes back to the days when some were unable to pray; the reader, therefore, undertook to repeat it on their behalf.

During the week and Shabbat *shacharit*, the congregation rises as the repetition begins. They rise at the beginning of the Shabbat *musaf* *Amidah*.

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B'NAI MITZVAH April 2011



Haley Sperling
Daughter of
Ronald and Debra Sperling
April 2



Josh Rosenberg
Son of
Mark and Hali Rosenberg
April 9



Justin Kirsch
Son of
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April 30

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

April	1	7:04 pm
April	18	7:11 pm
April	15	7:18 pm
April	22	7:25 pm
April	29	7:33 pm

Mincha/ma'ariv and Havdalah

April	2	7:00 pm
April	9	7:15 pm Sundaes on Sat. at the Rockman home
April	16	7:15 pm
April	23	7:30 pm at the Rockman's
April	30	7:30 pm

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April	16	Sponsored by Mae Rubenstein
April	30	Mark & Amy Kirsch in honor of Justin's B'nai Mitzvah
May	7	Richard and Kellie Altman in honor of Tatum's B'nai mitzvah

Ritual Committee


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When we recite "Kadosh, Kadosh, Kadosh" (holy, holy, holy) during the Kedushah, we are reenacting what the angels do, creating harmony between Heaven and earth. It is customary to raise oneself up three times on one's toes as one says these words, symbolizing our quest to elevate God's holiness in the world. After the last phrase ("L'dor Vador") is chanted, the congregation may be seated, or for the Shabbat musaf, remain standing and begin the silent Amidah.

The Ritual Committee hopes that you find these articles of interest and benefit. If you have any suggestions or questions for a future topic, or wish to add something to the conversation, please do so by contacting the committee at ritual@bnaitikvah.org.

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3 28 Adar II "Jews in Baseball" (100th Birthday of Hank Greenberg)	4 29 Adar II Board of Directors	5 1 Nisan Men's Basketball Book Club ROSH CHODESH	6 2 Nisan	7 3 Nisan 2nd Generation meeting in Inconjunction with Sisterhood Meeting	8 4 Nisan Birthday Shabbat	9 5 Nisan USY Convention B'nai Mitzvah Josh Rosenberg
10 6 Nisan USY Convention Religious Mock Seder Oldies Concert Chai School Brunch Marketing Meeting Mens Club Yellow Candles	11 7 Nisan School Board Sisterhood Board	12 8 Nisan Israel Stamp Club Youth Committee Men's Basketball 50+ Board Meeting	13 9 Nisan Nursery Seder Gimel Chocolate Seder Who Wrote the Bible?	14 10 Nisan Kadima Passover Event Bereavement Group	15 11 Nisan	16 12 Nisan
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