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Feb. 26 at 10:00 am



Shabbat Shirah

Saturday
February 4
Lunch & Sing

Wednesday, February 8
Tu B'Shevat Seder
At 6:15 pm

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A Message From Rabbi Robert Wolkoff



The Supreme Court recently issued a ruling that has sweeping implications for questions of religious freedom. Keeping a long story short, what the Court said was that when anti-discrimination legislation bumps up against religious freedom issues, religious freedom wins.

I won't go into the details, or defend the Court's decision. I will point out, though, that the Court's decision was unanimous—and how often does *that* happen in these fractious times!! Why the unanimity? Because the Court understood exactly how precious the “free exercise” of religion is to both the American past and the American future. The existence of a realm outside the bounds of normal political discourse cannot help but have a humbling and restraining influence on our society.

Simply put, the Court's perspective goes to underscore that the experts, the professional politicians, the “authorities,” don't know it all, despite their elitist pretensions. And, perhaps even more important, the Court's perspective goes to underscore how truly crucial the free exercise of religion is. It is assumed to be an endless font of inspiration that serves our nation well.

So...we all know what happens when we don't do enough exercise—and the exercise of our religion is at least as important as all those sit-ups and aerobics. All too often, we practice our Judaism without a sense of vitality and commitment. Our tradition is treated as a matter of habit, a routine that at best has some nostalgic resonance. Rarely do we even acknowledge that the most profound ideas in the world concerning the value of humanity and the audacity of morality come from the wellspring of Torah. And rarer still do we live our lives attempting to personally epitomize the Torah's ideals.

It is no coincidence that the Continental Congress declared, “... true religion and good morals are the only solid foundations of public liberty and happiness.”

The founding fathers said it. G-d said it. Who else needs to say it before we get the message?

Shalom,

Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff

From the Desk of Cantor Bruce Rockman

Shabbat Shira for All Generations!

The most incredible feeling as a cantor is to hear the response of the congregation. More than positive reinforcement for me, it becomes a recognition that we are uniting to express ourselves to the heavens, and what a heavenly sound it is when I hear and experience you singing with me. I first wrote this for Shabbat Shira 2004 and you continue to shower me with joy every time we sing and pray together.

This year, our annual Shabbat Shira Lunch and Sing Along following our service on February 4th, we will honor the music of L'dor Vador. We will sing popular songs that were performed on our bima by our three most prolific guests, Neshama Carlebach, Craig Taubman, and Debbie Friedman z"l.

Since her untimely passing early last year, the legacy of Debbie and her music has been growing. Like so many others who had met her and spent time with her in her last year of life, we at B'nai Tikvah heard Debbie sing her last original melody. She never recorded it professionally, but it's a melody that she believed would become better known than her healing prayer, Mi Shebairach.

The perspective that we arrive at when we mourn the loss of someone close to us or another special person can become a special gift to the survivors. Generally, it seems to me, we are able to look past their shortcomings and see their accomplishments above all else. This time of deep sadness is tinged with pride, joyous memories, and a sense of clarity. Hopefully when we experience profound loss and ask that the person's memory be a blessing, we become inspired by the legacy of our loved ones good deeds.

For the past few months, those of you who have attended our Friday night Kabbalat Service have joined me as we softly sing Debbie Friedman's Shalom Aleichem, the hymn traditionally sung to welcome the Sabbath angels. I am far from the only person planning to highlight this melody on Shabbat Shira.

On January 11th, Debra Nussbaum Cohen of The Daily Jewish Forward wrote that Rabbi Joy Levitt and Cantor Angela Buchdahl, of Manhattan's Central Synagogue, are planning to reach out to every clergy member in the Reform, Conservative, and Reconstructionist movements — urging us to sing Debbie's version of "Shalom Aleichem" on February 3 and 4.

I am excited and not surprised about this effort. As I stated, we have been getting to know this melody for some time. In addition, Jerry Silver of The Sons of Tikvah Band has written a hauntingly beautiful arrangement that we were honored to perform at our Interfaith Service this past November.

As we have demonstrated with our Rejoice Festivals and The L'dor Vador concerts, our goal is to help B'nai Tikvah build bridges and strengthen both our Jewish and our community connections. When Craig Taubman asked us all to sing with him, we joined him without hesitation, just as we did with Debbie Friedman and Neshama Carlebach. Now, WE know the songs. When you come to our events, the community joins us, brothers and sisters, singing and dancing with joy.

Once again, invite your friends to join us on Shabbat Shira for one of our most lively and uplifting Shabboses of the year. And the highlight of the day may not be the music after all; Stacey and Marci are planning one of their Shabbat Shira Lunch Extravaganzas.

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

For Adonai is good and his love is eternal and Adonai's faithfulness endures for all generations.”
Psalm 100

B'simcha, with Joy!
Cantor Bruce Rockman

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Congregation Meeting December 19, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President
 Gary Bergman. Rabbi Robert Wolkoff's D'var
 Torah was about this week's Parsha, Joseph and
 his 10 brothers and their first sin. We have 391
 families and 27 new members. The outside
 auditor will submit his report on our finances
 sometimes in the month of January.

We are doing well financially in the areas of the
 caterer, dues, High Holiday Pledges, Kiddish,
 and the Nursery and the Religious Schools.
 The Rabbi was impressed with the evaluations
 that were given out to the nursery school
 parents this month.

The Adult Education Committee has come up
 with many varied classes. and knows that people
 will attend.

The Cantor wishes to thank everyone who
 helped with the various committees that held
 and will hold future events for this year. Also,
 thanks to the Religious Committee, for running
 services so smoothly. He reminded us to count
 our blessings and be happy. Remember that
 people who attend services tend to be happier
 people than the population at large. He recom-
 mends a book about positive thinking by Dr.
 Martin Seligman. In the future, he said, there will
 be a class on getting a job in this bad economy.

President reported that our number of
 congregants is increasing. The Bikur Cholim
 Committee is having a big impact on people.
 We are looking forward to Casino Night and to
 Amanda Dillman as our new USY advisor.

Looking to establishing a Marketing and
 Publicity Committee. And, lastly, we want
 people to talk to people other than their friends
 after services.

Sharim v'Sharot Announces

The Sixth Annual Young People's Jewish Song-Writing Contest For Ages 8-12, 13-17, and 18-24

This year's contest is expanded to include young adults.

The Sixth Annual Young People's Jewish Song-Writing Contest for children 8-17 and young amateur adults (ages 18-24) - - with a First-Prize of \$72 for the winner in each age category - - is sponsored by Sharim v'Sharot, Central New Jersey's Select Jewish Choir. Visit www.sharimvsharot.com for details, guidelines, information. See: Song Contest.

Children and Young Adults residing or attending school in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York, or Delaware, are asked to create original Jewish songs in three age-appropriate categories: 8-12, 13-17, and 18-24. Songs are judged by Jewish-music educators, musicians, rabbis, cantors, principals, or teachers employed in Jewish education. Winners are presented to the community, and some of these songs may be performed at a Sharim v'Sharot concert. **This year's theme is: Jerusalem.**

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ANOTHER VIEWPOINT

A Father – My Father

September 20, 2010, Father's Day. By 11AM I had received two phone calls and a card from my kids so far, and got to thinking of my own father. Mother's Day was a big deal in the 1930's of my youth. I'm not sure Father's Day had been invented, but I don't remember any talk of it in my day.

Relationships vary between parents and children in different cultures. In my experience, European fathers were sterner with their children than American-born fathers. The Papa was the boss. He brought home the money and he made the rules. His efforts provided the shelter, food, clothes, medicine, books and whatever else it took to survive, especially during the Great Depression days. Although my Pop (as he was called) was literate in 5 or 6 languages, he and I almost never talked. I mean talk as in dialogue. It wasn't until I was in my later High School years that we had anything that could be called a conversation.

Sometimes Pop would make a suggestion and other times a statement. If my brothers or I had a request, it was answered with a yes or no. Don't get me wrong, my father was a kind and thoughtful person. He was well liked by the extended family on both sides and very popular with his friends and landsmen. He just didn't know how to relate to children, other than to smile and pinch their cheeks, which could make some little ones avoid him.

Each of us has a memory gate. Some larger, some small and narrow. Some open easily, some slowly and creaking and reluctantly, will swing open to let others in or out. Papa would tell stories of his life in the shtetel, of before he came to America after World War I. Almost always, it would be at night, especially on Friday night after lights out. Then he would tell us stories about his experiences in the Russian Army during World War I. The sounds of shells whistling overhead during a barrage, or the rat-a-tat of machine gun fire. He told about the time that he spent as a German prisoner of war at a coal mine and

was promoted to be clerk when they found out that he was literate.

Pop also told stories about growing up as a boy in the little shtetel of Russia/Poland (the flexible border moved according to who was in power at the moment). One of his funniest stories was about the time that the Rabbi had to leave his class to go out unexpectedly. The classroom was in the Rabbi's home. He warned the eight and nine year old boys that they were expected to study and be on their best behavior while he was out.

No sooner was the Rabbi out, when the boys, so unused to being on their own, reverted to being boys. There were no schoolyards to play in. In those days and so they began to look for ways to amuse themselves outside the classroom. The end result? When the Rabbi's wife opened her flour bin, imagine her surprise when out jumped a mouse.

Boys will be boys, won't they?

Aaron Rosloff

BT Daytimers

Board meeting

Tuesday, February 7

at 1:00 pm

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 21

at 1:00 pm

There is **no charge** for this event

All adults are welcome

At B'nai Tikvah

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Wouldn't it be cool if you could just click on an ad in Hakol and have the info you want displayed on your smart-phone? If you asked me how to do that last year, I would have called you nuts.

Technology is moving so fast, it's hard to realize that just two years ago, many of the things some of us now take for granted would be justly categorized under the heading of science fiction. Yes, Virginia, you CAN click some ads in Hakol, using a free Query Response (QR) app for your smart-phone.

My new "HY TEK" car came with a subscription to "OnStar". So, now I can hold my iPhone to Hakol and, with just a few clicks, upload the address of Jesse & David's to my cars' navigation system.

Gary Bergman,
Webmaster



Raise your hand if you think I'm nuts. Now rethink that because, you are reading this with your hand in the air.

ENTERTAINMENT AHEAD

Your Opinion is Wanted by the New

BT Daytimers

Could you be "FREE FOR FUN" one daytime a month?

Interested in joining other congregants for visits to historic sites, museums, ethnic dining, quaint villages, walking tours, gardens, or grand architecture?

Curious enough about a wide range of subjects to come to CBT to hear talks by experts?

If so, just complete this brief opinion survey and get it to the BT office by February 15th;

Attention: Aaron Rosloff. Thanks, and let's all enjoy, together.

When: Check the best day (+), or OK day (x) for you

Mon () Tues () Wed () Thurs () Fri ()

Check the best time for you

10 to noon () 1 to 3 () anytime ()

What: On a scale of 1 (lowest) to 10 (highest), tell us which of the these examples you would like to participate in.

____ Local art museum: Princeton, Newark, Montclair

____ Other museums: Philadelphia, Brooklyn, Manhattan

____ Walking tours: Backstage Lincoln Center or Broadway, Dumbo, Jewish Harlem

____ Gardens: Doris Duke's, Brooklyn or Bronx Botanical

____ Historic sites: Thomas Edison Labs, Lower East Side Tenements, Eldridge St. Synagogue

____ Speakers: Current events, history, health, culture, government, Judaism, Israel, Storytellers

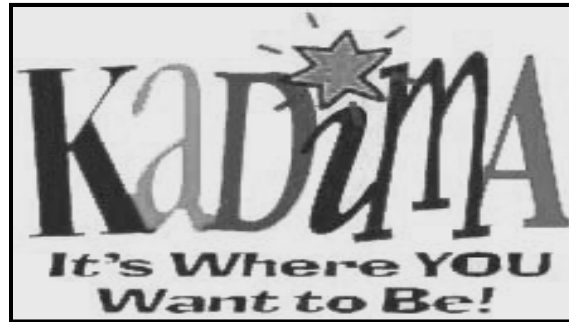
____ Quaint villages: New Hope, Allentown, NJ

____ Architecture: Governors Mansion, Doris Duke Mansion, Park Avenue Buildings

____ Events: Flower shows, etc

____ Ethnic Dining.

____ Anything else you can think of _____



What an exciting time for our Chapter! We had more than 50 kids come from all over the Region to our Annual Lock-In on January 14th. Ross the Entertainer kept the kids busy, doing magic, playing games, and acting as DJ. The 8th graders stayed up late in the Youth Lounge...who can say “no sleep?!” Finally, everyone was treated to a delicious pancake breakfast prepared and served by Alan Miller and Renee Juro. We can't thank them enough!

By the time you read this, we will have had the following events –

January 21st – Regional ‘Saturday Night Live’ in South Orange – with a DJ, games, crafts, food and fun!

January 23rd – ‘Mike the Chocolate Guy’ – will have made delicious Israeli themed chocolate bars with the kids!

UP COMING EVENTS

February 12 – Rock Climbing at Rockville, 200 Whitehead Road, Hamilton from 2-4 pm. The cost to you is only \$13 & the Youth Fund will pick up all other costs. Snacks & water will be served. We will meet at Rockville. Anyone attending must fill out a waiver available at <http://www.rockvilleclimbing.com/images/stories/Waiver2.pdf> RSVP by 2/6.

February 27 – Game Night in the Youth Lounge from 7-8:15 pm or come to relax w/ your Kadima friends. Bring along your favorite games. Snacks will be served. Bring a Jewish friend who is interested in joining, let them see how much fun Kadima is. RSVP by 2/23.

March 4th – SAVE THE DATE for the Purim Carnival, 11:30 am-2 pm!

Also on the same day, Regional Kadima Day at Powerhouse Studios, 7 Littell Road, East Hanover from 2-5 pm. You will need your own transportation. The application is being sent out in our weekly emails. They are due to the Regional Office by 2/27.

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

Scholarships are available to help with some of the costs for programs. Please contact Steve Juro at 732-960-1215. All conversations are confidential.

Contact me with questions or concerns throughout the year! Applications are available at bnaitikvah.org/app-usy-kadima-2011-12.pdf and always accepted.

Jordana Andersen 732-422-7457
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Francesca Clarke



Back when I was in USY, I was told “you get 4 years”...proving this wrong has been a lot of fun so far!

My very first event upon returning to USY was meeting the USYers at Israeli Movie Night on December 13th. It was a well thought out and fun event that featured a choice of 4 Israeli movies, and delicious Israeli snacks, chocolate and bubble gum. With 15 USYers in attendance, it was a big success!

Next, we had the Regional Dance in Bridgewater on December 17th. It was another very well attended event with 19 of our own USYers who danced and socialized the night away!

We ended December on a great note by attending the Congregation wide Hanukkah Party on December 21st. 14 USYers joined the rest of the congregation and enjoyed latkes and sufganeot (jelly donuts) while listening to the talented Sons of Tikvah Band. We made the event our own by having a SA/TO project. We collected small, unwrapped toys for the Bristol-Myers Squibb Children’s Hospital at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital for its “Child Life Program.” Every USYer brought an item from the official wish list to donate to the kids. Everyone was excited about this wonderful mitzvah!

Please join me in welcoming back our USYers who attended the International Convention 2011 in Philadelphia. I have heard only great things about it and am so glad we had representation from N/SBUSY at IC!

To start off 2012, we hosted a fantastic and successful Israeli/Bedouin Night on January 7th. With East Windsor, East Brunswick & Bridgewater, we had 33 USYers in attendance. The USYers had fun competing in the Israeli Army style obstacle course, did some Israeli Dancing, ate Israeli salad, falafel, pita, hummus & pizza (all served Bedouin Style in tents), learned the history of the Bedouins, drank the special Bedouin “teas” (which was really hot chocolate per

our USYers preference!) and the USYers shared stories of their own experiences in the Bedouin tents. The whole night was a lot of fun!

By the time you read this article, we will have had the following events:

January 14th – Regional SA/TO Dance in Rumson

January 22nd – Snowtubing at Camelback in the Poconos (with EB & EW chapters)

January 28th – USY Services in the Youth Lounge – Once a month, USYers will participate in their own Shacharit and Musaf service in the youth lounge and join the main service during the Torah Service, where a USYer will deliver a D’var Torah using ideas and stories from the rest of the USYers!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, February 2nd – EBUSY Holiday Mash Up – Our chapter has been invited to East Brunswick USY annual event where everyone’s favorite Jewish holidays are celebrated at one time.

February 10-12th – MID-WINTER KINNUS

This year, Mid-winter Kinnus will be hosted by the Livingston chapter at Temple Beth Shalom. Please make sure you get your applications in ASAP! The deadline is Monday, January 23rd. If you need an application, please email me.

Thursday, February 16th at 7pm – CANDY BAR CREATIONS

Taking a suggestion from our favorite Kadimaniks, we will be hosting Mike, the Chocolate Guy, who will make chocolate bars with the USYers. Cost is \$5 (with the balance being covered by the Youth Fund). Please RSVP by Thursday, January 26th.

February 24-25th – USY TAKES OVER SHABBAT

The USYers will be participating in all aspects of leading teffilah including reading Torah, haftorah, having aliyot, delivering d’vree torah and MORE! If any USYer would like to lead a service, read Torah or would like to learn to lead a service, please contact Lauren Wistreich at lwistreich613@aol.com. We hope this becomes an event with many participants so we can really show the B’nai Tikvah community what USYers can do!

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YOU'RE INVITED TO DINNER!

by Eve Cukor

Hello, my name is Eve Cukor, I'm 12 years old, and I'm working on a new program that besides being my Bat Mitzvah project, is also something I hope will become a long-standing tradition at Congregation B'Nai Tikvah. This new program is called, "Be Our Guest" and the idea is to create a database that pairs families and/or individuals from our community who would like to attend a Friday night shabbos dinner, or a holiday event such as a Passover Seder, that is being held in the home of a CBT congregant. My goal is that this program will help people in our community who may be new to the area or to CBT, or do not have friends or family nearby, to get to know each other better, see different customs, try different foods, and also enable everyone to meet new people and have a good time. Whether you (and your family) would like to attend a dinner or whether you want to invite a "new friend" to attend a dinner at your home -- (and you are welcome to sign up for both) -- you can easily add your name to our database by visiting my website. To kick off the program, we'll be signing up people for would like to attend a PASSOVER SEDER at one of our congregant's homes. To sign up to attend a seder or to invite a family or individual to your own seder, please contact me and I will get in touch with you. You can contact me at:
www.beourguestcbt.weebly.com, or you can email me directly at beouguestcbt@gmail.com (that's: be our guest cbt at gmail.com)

Thank you, Eve.



Trying to find the words

As I sit here thinking about what I want to say, many words are running through my mind. Here are a few: compassionate, selfless, dependable, helpful, patient, kind, available. All of these words define the same thing, the Bikur Cholim committee of congregation B'nai Tikvah.

I broke my leg in May of 2011. Since then I have received help with whatever I have needed by the amazing people who make up this committee. They have cooked for me, shopped for me, taken me to and from physical therapy, and so much more. As it turns out my fracture has not healed and now requires surgery. I have been told by members of Bikur Cholim not to worry, they will be there for whatever I need.

If you have never been in the position I was in, which was mostly helpless, you do not know what a gift it is to know there are people who are ready to do whatever you need. That knowledge is so comforting. I can not express my gratitude.

There is one other person I would like to mention. She has taken me to every Dr. appointment and showed me how to get in and out of my condo, where there is a step. She has shown me how to deal with situations that felt overwhelming to me. Her name is Rachel Ruchlin and most of you know her.

Between her and the committee, I have made it this far. Knowing they will be there for what comes next has given me peace of mind. It makes the idea of surgery just a little less scary. I thank each and every person who has helped, I could not have gotten this far without you. Although the committee's primary purpose is to visit the sick and injured, I urge you to contact them if you, or anyone you know, is in need of help while healing. Hopefully you will never need them but, remember they are ready to help if you do.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.
 Jeryl Roller



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Congregation B'nai Tikvah Religious School

Ann Ruth Nmberg, Religious School Principal

The month of February begins with Parent –Teacher Conferences. Conferences will be held on Wednesday, February 1st. We will dismiss school at 5:45 p.m. that day so that conferences may begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. You should already find a sign-up sheet outside your child's classroom. Please sign- up early for a time that works well for you. If you cannot schedule a suitable time, please notify the office and your child's teacher will contact you to schedule an in-person or telephone conference time that is suitable. And, please remember to sign and return your child's Jr. Congregation form and Behavioral Contract prior to your conference; otherwise, you will need to come into my office for your child's report card. Your child must sign his/her Behavioral Contract as well. Thank you for your cooperation.

World Wide Wrap will take place on Sunday, February 5th.

The Tu B'Shevat Seder will be held on Wednesday, February 8th. We will send you more information about these events via constant contact.

The Dalet Jr. Congregation has been postponed until the spring.

On Sunday, February 26th, the Hei students and their parents will be involved in a special project. This program will reflect on their journey of becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah. The students will create a piece of fiber art that expresses their feelings.

We have planned a trip to visit the Dead Sea Scrolls and Temple Emanuel in New York City. This trip is being offered to our Chai, Hei and Dalet students.

Parents are welcome to join us as space permits. We will send all information regarding this trip to you within the next few weeks via constant contact.

I want to thank Hilary Friedman for volunteering her time and providing our Chai students with a greatly appreciated cooking experience. The variety of foods, the taste and the wonderful smells that wafted through the Religious School wing on Sunday mornings were remarkable. Hillary will be returning in the fall and we look forward to sampling more of her delicious cuisine.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

February 5	World Wide Wrap
February 8	Tu B'Shevat Seder
February 12	Breakfast with the Rabbi
February 13	Religious School Committee Meeting
February 26	Hei Family Education Program

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FEBRUARY CLASSES

Rabbi Wolkoff: "Jewish Law," Wednesday, February 15th, 8 pm, in Beit Midrash

Stacey Rochman: "About the Minyan Service," Wednesday, February 22nd,
7:30 pm, in Beit Midrash Room

Rabbi Wolkoff: "Junior Congregation for Grown-Ups,"
Saturday, February 11th, 9:30 am, sharp in Beit Midrash Room

Robert Wolkoff: "Mishnah, Midrash, and Talmud,"
Sunday, February 26th, 10:00am, in Beit Midrash Room

For most classes, coffee and bagels will be served. Please drop by and take a chance on learning something new and interesting. It is important to learn, no matter how old we are. Try a class or three and we promise that your children will take notice and, while they may not admit it, it is sure to "soak deep into to their subconscious" that the adults at CBT value Jewish education. And, just like our children, we do go to classes every once in a while.

Sincerely,

The Adult Education Committee of Congregation B'nai Tikvah

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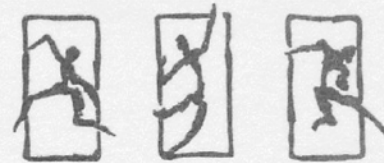
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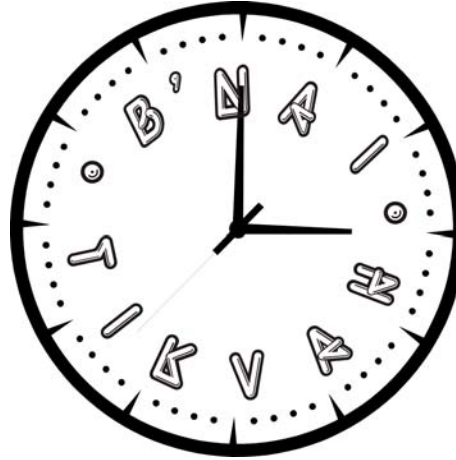


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February	3	5:00 pm
February	10	5:08 pm
February	17	5:17 pm
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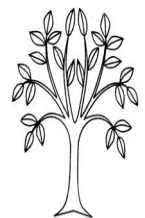
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February	18	6:17 pm
February	25	6:25 pm

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February	4	5:00 pm
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BT Daytimers Board Planning Meeting, January 3 Minutes

The first regular meeting will be held on January 17th. Refreshments and a short membership meeting will be followed by a musical program by Don Anthony. We are looking forward to a great turnout.

Looking to build on the first regular meeting twenty people met at B'nai Tikvah on Tues, January 2nd to discuss the future of the new adult group, BT Daytimers. The group was composed of B'nai Tikvah members and non-members from the surrounding area. The purpose of the organization is to have afternoon programs and trips for adults that will be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm.

Many ideas were presented, such as having 3 or 4 trips per year. We can car pool for the shorter ones and hire a bus for the longer ones. Also for speakers that would interest the group.

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, February 7th at 1:00 pm. We are looking for ideas for future meetings such as local art museums, walking tours, gardens, speakers, quaint villages, historical sites, special events (flower shows) and ethnic dining. Also, what is the best day of the week for you and whether it makes a difference if it is in the morning or afternoon.

For the next regular meeting, which will be on Tuesday, February, 21 at 1:00 pm the program will feature R. J. Lewis, who is a magician. So please join us, it is a great way to spend an afternoon and be mystified.

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On December 21, six vans and a pick-up truck came to my home and loaded their vehicles with all the purchased goods. One of the social workers told me, as she was looking at all the gifts for a particular family, that at the beginning of the school year, she bought a pair of uniform pants for one of the boys because he was sharing one pair with his brother! She emphasized that our gifts will make a significant difference in this family's daily life.

This year the Needy Family Program became a synagogue-wide event. The nursery school donated the Tzedakah they collect weekly and the religious school collected personal hygiene items for the sponsored families as well as for other families in need in the New Brunswick area. After all these years, it still amazes me how this program continues to grow.

This program is a success due to the generosity of those who participate. Thanks to all who donated money. Please know that every penny was used toward needed purchases for the families. To those who sponsored a child, adult, or family and 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 and commitment to this program. Thanks also to Rebecca Shapiro for spending an entire day helping us wrap and organize for the pick-up.

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

Janice Baer

Notes of Board of Directors Meeting January 2, 2012

The Rabbi's D'var Torah was about communication among Joseph, his family, and the Pharaoh.

Amanda Dillman will be the new USY advisor starting immediately.

The marketing/publicity committee will be starting soon. Its job will be coordination of all the synagogue's various committees to better inform us and the general public.

We have 392 member families and hope to keep growing.

Our financial audit has been completed and the results will be announced shortly.

The new heater for the synagogue has arrived and will be installed as soon as the mounting bracket arrives.

Casino Night is coming on Saturday, March 31st. The committee still is looking for more volunteers. How about YOU? Please email Rob Blackin at rblackin@comcast.net.

Gordon Heit is our new ritual chair.

The Men's Club will be holding the World Wide Wrap on Sunday, February 5th at 9:00 am in the sanctuary. They are planning to have a former WWII bombardier as a future speaker.

Rabbi reported that the Talmud and Introduction to Prayer classes will be starting.

Cantor said that the Lunch and Sing will be on February 4th.

Rejoice has received a grant of \$3,150 from Middlesex County. Considering moving Rejoice from September to May, 2013, as this would be a less congested period of time with the high holidays.

Men's Club

XIII Annual World Wide Wrap on Sunday, February 5th at 9am in the sanctuary.

What is a World Wide Wrap? On this day, (also known as Super Bowl Sunday), the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs tries to have all Jews world-wide put on TEFILLIN! Cantor Rockman along with Rabbi Wolkoff will lead and help those in need in laying Tefillin. This is a family event, so if you are a rookie or veteran come join us in this fun and spiritual mitzvah. Breakfast will be served, compliments of the Men's Club.

'Sex after 50", Thursday, February 16th at 8pm - Joint meeting with Sisterhood.

This is a joint meeting with the Sisterhood. Join us for an educational, interactive discussion on 'Sex after 50'. Dr. Theresa Schaer has over 21 years experience as the Chief of the Division of Geriatrics at St. Peters University Hospital. So even if you are not quite 50 yet, you will be one day! Please join us for this very special opportunity to learn and ask questions about the process of aging and how it relates to intimacy.

For information about Men's Club, please email Steven Katz, MC President at skatz56@aol.com

Thank you.





Save the Dates:

Thursday, February 16th: Join us for an educational, interactive discussion on ‘Sex as we Age: How Hormones Affect Us.’ This is a joint meeting with the Men’s Club. Dr. Theresa Schaer has more than 21 years of experience as the Chief of the Division of Geriatrics at St. Peters University Hospital and now has a private practice: Signature Health Solutions. Dr. Schaer will be discussing sex as we age in relation to hormones, vitamins, thyroid, and sleep among other things. Grab your spouse or come alone and listen to what Dr. Schaer has to say. You will find this discussion enlightening.

Thursday, March 15th ‘at 8:00PM: Martini Mixology. Learn the history, the recipes and ideas for entertaining.

Sunday April 22nd: Rosh Chodesh with Bobbi Binder. Don’t miss this very special event when our very own Bobbi Binder will facilitate this morning’s program. What a great opportunity to have fun, be inspired and perhaps learn something new!

Thursday May 10th: Please join us for this very important meeting on the Torah Fund. Our own Ann Rosensweig will be instrumental in overseeing and presenting this program to us.

Social Action - For the month of February, Social Action is continuing the collection of the following items for Woman Aware:

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Bathroom items: wash cloths, hand/bath towels.

Cleaning supplies: Windex, garbage bags, bleach, dish soap, detergent, Lysol wipes.

Paper Products: paper towels, toilet paper, disposable cutlery, napkins, and plates.

These items can be brought to any Sisterhood meeting/event or contact Caroline Scharf (732-735-1345), to arrange a convenient collection time. Thank you for your support!

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Passover Wine Sale – Order your Passover Wine by Wednesday March 21st. Order form and wine selection list can be found on the web site at <http://www.bnaitikvah.org/winesale.html>. Wine pick up will be at the Gift Shop on Sunday 4/1, Tuesday 4/3 and Wednesday 4/4.

Membership - We encourage and invite all B'nai Tikvah women to join Sisterhood and help make your Sisterhood even stronger. Please contact Phyllis Saefer: pbjsr@comcast.net or 732-432-9622 with any questions. To join, please send or drop off a check in the BT office. Dues are as follows: Synagogue members- \$36 / Seniors- \$26 /Non-synagogue members- \$46

We look forward to sharing fun times together with old friends and new!

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Our winter/spring **My Kid & Me** **FREE** program still has a few openings. Don't miss out! The class runs on Thursdays from 11:00 AM to 12:00. If you have (or know anyone with) a child, grandchild, niece, or nephew of aged 12-24 months and is looking for socialization for their children and for themselves, please contact us about our wonderful My Kid & Me class.

Todah Rabah to everyone who donated items for our **Regifting Boutique**. We made more than \$500.00 profit! We will have another **Regifting Boutique** in the spring. Collection of new items will begin after Friday, March 16th. Just in time to do your spring and Passover cleaning!

During winter break, we had "Ben's Best Magic" at our school. The program was attended by more than 35 children (and their parents), including JCC Nursery graduates from two and three years ago! We received many requests to have another program next year during breaktime.

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

This year, Tu B'Shevat, (New Year of the trees), falls on Wednesday, February 8th. A special guest visitor will arrive that day.



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.

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March	4	Purim Carnival Wine Tasting
March	5	Board of Directors
March	7	Fast of Esther
March	8	Megillah Reading PURIM
March	9	Birthday Shabbat
March	10	Kadima Shabbaton Basic Prayer Class
March	15	Sisterhood Meeting
March	16	Family Shabbat Service
March	18	USY / Men's Club Pancake Breakfast
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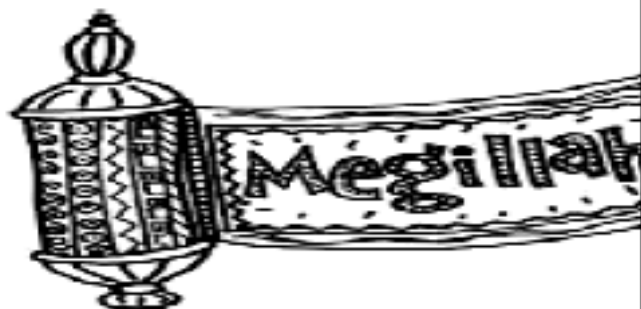
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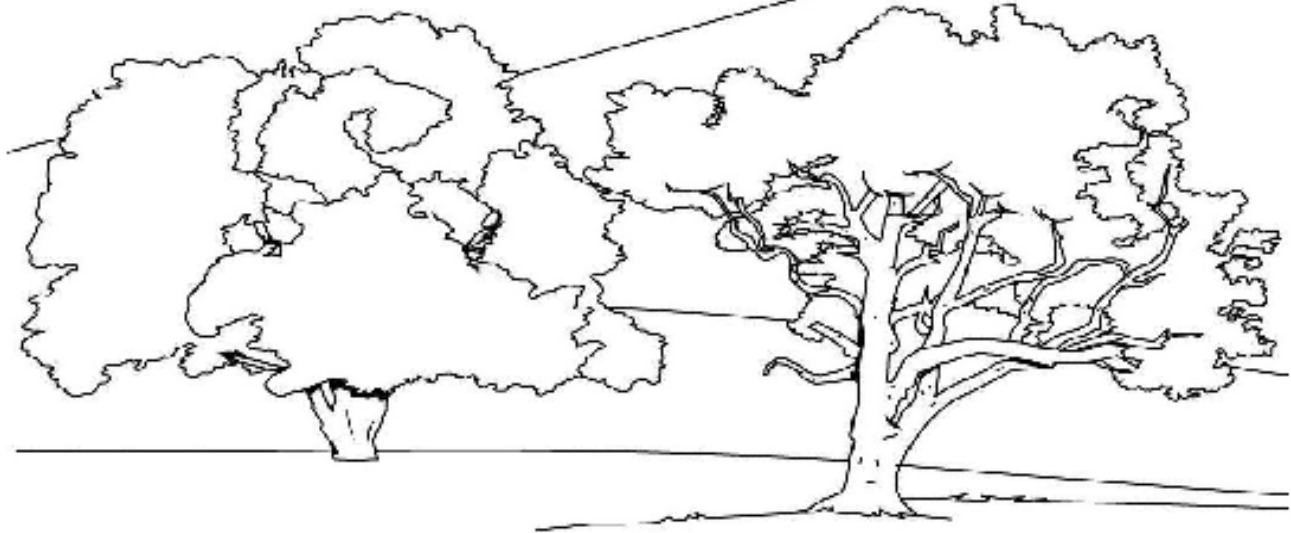
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Sunday, March 4th – PURIM CARNIVAL – Save the date for games, food and fun!

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