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A Message From Rabbi Robert Wolkoff

Dickens, in his *Tale of Two Cities*, wrote these memorable lines:



"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to heaven, we were all going direct the other way"

Could any time be as confusing and contradictory as the time Dickens describes? For an answer, we need look no further than today's Israel, where Prime Minister Netanyahu, in a remarkable and brilliant political move, recently established the largest and strongest coalition government in Israel's history.

But why? On the one hand, it is argued, Israel is in an unbelievably strong position. Its per capita gross domestic product outranks Italy, Spain, and Saudi Arabia. It has more companies listed on Nasdaq than any place except the US and China. It has more home computers, university degrees, published scientific papers, museums, scientists, and technicians per capita than any other country. And in numerous areas of scientific and cultural advancement, it ranks number 2, right behind the US.

Oh, and did I mention that Israel recently discovered enough natural gas to meet its energy needs for the next hundred years?

Therefore, some could easily argue that Israel has never been stronger. It is "the best of times." And, therefore, Netanyahu brought together this huge coalition to use Israel's strength in order to finally make peace with the Palestinians.

Or....

It also could be "the worst of times." We see Hamas and Hezbollah stockpiling fifty thousand missiles of increasing sophistication. Egypt, Israel's "partner in peace," undergoing the most unrest in more than 30 years and threatening to turn back the clock in regard to the Camp David peace agreement. And, the 800-pound "ayatorilla" in the room: Iran's peek-a-boo nuclear development. So, a good case could be made for Israel being subjected to an existential threat. And so Netanyahu is bringing together a unity government in order to maximize his military and political options for meeting these threats.

So, nu, what is it? A season of Light or a season of Darkness? And the real answer is...nobody knows. The commentators, the generals, the professors, the intelligence experts all sound equally convincing. And they all disagree with each other.

What are we mere mortals supposed to do? To my mind, the single most important thing we can do is realize that we should not be centering our Jewish identity around the illusory certainties of punditry, where everybody knows everything, and everyone is right until it turns out he or she was wrong.

Instead, we need to focus on who we are -- members of a very special people -- and what we are -- bearers of the world's most important cultural legacy. If we understand this, if we immerse ourselves in our Jewish civilization and in the Torah, which is its most precious possession, then it won't matter whether it is the best of times or the worst of times. We will be ready. And if we don't immerse ourselves in our spiritual inheritance, well...I don't expect it will matter vey much what happens next. One way or another, we will "all [be] going direct the other way...."

Shalom,

Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff

From the Desk of Cantor Bruce Rockman



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Every year is special, every child is unique, and all of our children are an incredible blessing to their families, the Jewish community, and the world. Our children are a great source of pride and a window into our future. From September through June, I have had the honor to guide these wonderful children to the threshhold of adulthood. As their teacher, I treasure the time I spend teaching, listing, cajoling, joking, and talking with them. The time we spend preparing for each B'nai Mitzvah is a sacred pleasure. Thank you.

My simple philosophy in regard to teaching Bar and Bat Mitzvah kids is that I want the experience to be positive. I want the children to succeed and enjoy their accomplishments. We need the memory of their entrance into the B'nai Mitzvah "club" to be one of the happiest memories of their lives. I'm hoping that, someday, they will encourage their own children because of the memory of their own great joyful achievement.

My pride in our children and their families extends to their beautiful empathetic nature as exhibited by their commitment to their mitzvah projects. The dedication to deeds of loving-kindness is organic at B'nai Tikvah. I don't know about you, but their effort "to learn and to do" is simply inspiring.

"People Are Hungry Every Day Concert!" Tuesday June 12 at 8PM

One year ago, I wrote about a new initiative, a specific "act of loving-kindness." Again ,this year we at B'nai Tikvah will host this special event. I am asking you to rally in support of the many hungry and poorly nourished people in our community. By attending a special concert to benefit the South Brunswick Food Pantry you will help so many families in need. We are asking you to bring packaged food contributions and to make a donation, before and during the concert, to the South Brunswick Food Pantry, our local hunger initiative. Please be here where you will, again, make all the difference!

Do you actually think about angels? The angel Michael, whose name means "Who is like God," has the job of guarding the children of Israel. The angel Gabriel, whose name means "God is my strength," has the job of lending us strength and courage. Uriel, whose name means "God is my light," has the job of lighting our way through the darkness of night, and Raphael, whose name means "God is my healer, " is responsible for our physical and emotional well being. Clearly, we do draw strength from our belief in God. Ministering angels are defined in human terms and we think of them as helping God and helping us to draw closer to God. We are responsible to protect God's world and being angels, too - - to someone, to some cause. Our greatest responsibly is to do God's work on earth. Your community work and that of events such as our "Musical Angels Concerts" is providing us with just such an opportunity to be angels.

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THANK YOU

Michael Weiss, Editor



This is the last issue of Hakol for 5772. We will be off for the summer and will return in September. I want to thank all of the people who have helped in putting together this year's Hakol . Without all of them the end result would not have been possible.

My thanks to the many people who have sent in photographs and articles over the past year. The office staff for their help with proof reading, the donation list and getting the Hakol to the post office:

> Lynne WeissMarshall Roz Fischman Sherry Valan

Gary Bergman for his computer and layout help, and to my proofreaders Ann Gold and Janet Weiss.

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I hope that everyone has fun and safe summer.

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Folks Like Us



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The flight from Newark to Tel Aviv was uneventful, but what went on inside the plane was another matter. My seat, 36A, had a high spot right under my right thigh. No matter where I turned, after the first hour I could not find a comfortable position. Getting in and out of my seat was itself a problem. The plane was a 15 year old Boeing 777, with no air vents over the seats, so besides being uncomfortable, it was hot. And getting into my seat at the window required raising all the arm rests and putting my tush on the aisle seat and sliding over the two seats to get to mine.

Standing up was physically impossible for a normal human being, except in the aisle. Someone should be tried at The Hague for inhuman treatment of paying passengers. If prisoners were treated like this there would be public protests in the street. But the plane was full and there was no way to change seats. So, although it was a night flight, I got no sleep that night at all.

One of the offsets was my seat mate. He was a middle aged Israeli who said that he was a journalist, returning from a meeting in the States. In conversation, I said that I had taken some creative writing courses and that I write a monthly column for my synagogue publication. He showed interest in what I had done and encouraged me to publish a book.

Travel can be a great equalizer. At least I thought so until I got to Tel Aviv and was met by my grand daughter, Shira, who excitedly said that she had just seen Arad Nir. The name meant nothing to me. She said that he was one of the top T.V. journalists in Israel, to which I asked if he was a very tall man with dark rimmed glasses. When she said yes I was nearly floored. This was my seat mate. And sure enough, Shira showed him to me that same afternoon on TV.

This was not the first time that I had met well known personalities while traveling. I don't remember the exact date, but Mili and I were on a cruise on the last ship that went through the Panama Canal when the US and Panama went to war in 1989. Among our table mates were a married couple. The man's voice sounded very familiar. We all addressed each other by our first names but after a day or so, I told the man that his voice was very familiar. He smiled and told me his full name and left me wordless. This was back in the day when journalists were also radio and TV broadcasters, and I had heard his voice a jillion times on the radio.

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Another interesting contact was made only a few years ago, when I was returning from a visit with my son in St. Louis. The flight was in two sections. We flew from St. Louis to Washington where we changed to a small commuter plane for the leg to Newark, NJ. The second leg was very tight. The season was winter and I wore a padded coat against the weather. The coat was awkward to don and remove in the very narrow aisle. Mine was the window seat. The aisle seat was occupied by a big handsome black man who stood up to help me off with my coat, and stored it in the overhead bin. He was a quiet gentleman, but looked familiar to me. I racked my brain trying to recall where I might know him from. Nothing. After the plane landed in Newark, he took the coat down from the bin and helped me into it. I thanked him profusely, but he just smiled and nodded.

Not until I was on the shuttle bus on the way to the parking lot did I remember him. The man was Ossie Davis, the well known TV actor whom I had seen many times. The nice thing about really great folks is that they behave just like us.

At least the ones that I have met seem to do so.

Aaron Rosloff

CONGRADULATIONS

HAKOL

At the end of April, 19 USYers from our North/South Brunswick chapter attended the USY Hagalil Spring Convention in Somerset.

We are happy to announce that two of the six incoming Regional Executive Board members for 2012-2013 were elected from our chapter:

> Jason Shindler (Membership and Programming VP)

> > Lauren Wistreich (Religious Education VP)

Two of the outgoing Regional Executive Board members proudly represented us this past year:

> Jesse Nagelberg (Israel Awareness VP)

Arielle Weg (Social Action/Tikun Olam VP)

In addition, our chapter won 3 awards - - as a "Chapter of Excellence," for "Excellence in Israel Programming" for our event, "Bedouin Night/Israeli Army Training," and the for the "Largest Membership Increase!"

GO USY!!

We are very proud of all of you!

Ruth Shindler

Youth Committee Chair

Cantor's Article

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This concert, on June 12th, brings together local musicians from across religious traditions to play a diverse mix of joyful and inspirational music. I promise an evening of fun, great music, coffee and cake, a chance to meet new friends, and another opportunity to do a mitzvah.

The world stands on three foundations. Torah, service to community and acts of loving-kindness. Mishna Avot

> You inspire me. Please be there, be heard!

With joy and wishing you a safe and awesome summer!

Cantor Bruce Rockman

We want you!

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Thank you to David Juro and his parents, Renee and Steve, for hosting Tie Dying in your backyard!

I am looking for host families to volunteer to have an event for Kadima at their home next year; please let me know. ASAP so I can make my calendar for the Synagogue! Also, if you have new ideas you want to see happen, please let me know.

Reminders to all kids going into 6th grade next year: Regional Encampment is from August 19-26th.

Applications are due by June 29 to the Regional Office. Encampment is opened to all members of Kadima & USY going into grades 6-12. If you still need to apply, visit http://www.hagalilusy.com/ events/encampment/

The one requirement if you intend to go to Encampment is; you must to signed up with Kadima for next year.

On April 15th, we took our Chapter to Red Green Blue in Princeton to make a Glass Fusion Project. I must say all the glassworks came out beautiful!

On April 22nd we had the Regional Roller Rama in Woodbridge.

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On April 30th we had our Ice Cream Social and welcomed the 5th Graders. My future Kadimaniks seemed to have a blast especially when they heard the words Lock-In, no parents, & no sleep. I am a trooper at my old age!

On May 6th we headed to David Juro's to do tie dying in his backyard! What fun we had making a mess, and the shirts looked great!

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

May 18-20th – Regional Spring Convention.

May 21 - Gym Fun with Miss Jenna, with all types of Gym activities.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 3rd – Closing Pool Party at Josh Safeer's, 5 Burlington Lane, East Brunswick, 11am-1 pm. Wear a bathing suit & don't forget your towel! We will be having a BBQ. If it rains, we still will have the event at the Safeer's home. RSVP by 5/29.

I'm sad to say I'm losing such a great group of 8th graders this year; USY will be very lucky to have you next year. You helped make my 5th year as Chapter Advisor w/ B'nai Tikvah a success! Good luck to you all. Congratulations & you'll have a great time w/ USY!

Note to: Devin Tanner, Emma Becker, Tyler Miller Marley Cohen, Michael Schultz, Michael Friedman, and Samantha Peters. Visit us next year!

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The summer is fast approaching and our USYers have been participating in some fun activities to round out our 2011-2012 year!

Since we last caught up, USYers participated in these events:

Babies 'R' US(Y) was a hit! On Saturday night, April 21st we had over 20 USYers in their favorite PJs and ate delicious foods from their childhood. We made PB&J sandwiches (some even used fluff & nutella!), ate animal crackers, applesauce and pudding. There was a finger painting contest where everyone was a winner and a fantastic scavenger hunt that tired everyone out! As this was a SA/TO event, I am happy to say that we donated 16 baby items to Harvest of Hope.

Gym Night took place on Monday, April 23^{rd.} We had 9 USYers in the gym for a fun night of pick up games and running around. USYers played games like basketball, soccer, kickball, and frisbee and some had fun hanging with friends. This is the first time we ran this event. We received a great response from our USYers and this will definitely be a recurring event!

Regional Spring Convention was held on Friday, April 27th – Sunday, April 29th where we were very well represented with 18 USYers. A hearty Mazel Tov to two of our very own: Jason Shindler and Lauren Wistreich for winning Regional Membership/Programming VP and Regional Religious Education VP, respectively. Congratulations also to Arielle Weg and Jesse Nagelberg for completing their year on Regional Board.

The following events will have taken place by the time you read this article:

Saturday, May 12th

Regional Closing Dance in Metuchen Saturday, May 19th – Sunday, May 20th 2nd Annual Rock-a-thon at BT

Wednesday, May 23rd

Election Night & Movie Night

Monday, June 4th

Ice Cream Party – Our annual ice cream social in the Youth Lounge to welcome 8th grade Kadimaniks coming to USY next year.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, **June** 10th – **TBD** – please check your e-mail.

Friday, June 15th

Kadima & USY End of Year Banquet

This year, we are starting a new tradition among our Kadimaniks and USYers. We are inviting all Kadaminiks, USYers and their families to join us for a Shabbat dinner at B'nai Tikvah followed by Friday night services. At the banquet, we will be honoring our seniors and outgoing Board members, as well as recognizing our incoming Board members. In addition, we will be handing out our "Paper Plate Awards" (superlative awards) to each USYer! Lastly, we will also be announcing the winner of the attendance contest. This will be a fun way to end the year all together! The cost of the event will be \$8 per person.

Best of luck in college to our graduating USY seniors, Sarah Shindler, our outgoing President, and Jesse Nagelberg!!

Please check your email each week for updates from nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com

Need-based scholarships are available to help with some of the costs of USY programs. Please contact Steve Juro at 732-960-1215. All conversations are strictly confidential.

Applications for USY membership for 2012-2013 will soon be emailed and available on the BT website.

Have a wonderful summer!

Amanda Dillman nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com 908-930-2526

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Aaron's Jump

To mark my 90th birthday, I jumped out of an airplane at 8000 feet over South Jersey. Aside from my personal enjoyment, the most important result of the event is that to my utter surprise it also became a fund raiser for the South Brunswick Food Pantry.and brought in over Three thousand much needed dollars.

When the idea for turning this into a fund raiser was suggested, my response was that I didn't think anyone would want to pay money just because I parachuted out of an airplane. But I was wrong.

Perhaps it was not the jump so much as it presented a reason to donate to the Food Pantry. That being the case I am planning to jump again in the hope that people will again use the opportunity to donate to the Food Pantry and other meal programs for low income seniors.

If the plan is successful this year, then I will continue to jump each year for my birthday until my 100th or as long as my health permits.

Although my birthday is on July 3rd, for the convenience of folks who want to attend and join me in the jump, or just to watch, the actual jump will take place on Sunday July 1st.

Stay tuned



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Bikur Cholim

Hilary Friedman, Committee chair

HAKOL



Hillel used to say:

"If I am not for myself, who will be for me? And if I am only for myself, what am I? And if not now, when?" Pirke Avot 1:14

Embrace the uncomfortable ...

I have been told that change is uncomfortable. That statement has often been followed by another similar but more powerful statement: in order to grow you need to become uncomfortable. In part I think that means change can be difficult, therefore, uncomfortable, and growing is an ever changing process. Let's face it, you are going to grow and change whether you want to or not . . . aren't you? I'm not so sure. How many times do you recall telling another adult to "grow up". I don't think that emotional growth is a given for everyone. So ask yourself this question, "when was the last time that I did something uncomfortable".

I recently heard a story that warmed my heart. I would like to share it but, it's not my own and therefore I will recount it as best as I can . . .

A man and his wife were in Panera enjoying a quick Sunday morning breakfast and grabbing a coffee to go (to preserve his privacy I will refer to the husband as Adam). The couple was in a rush to get to class at their temple. There was another man, a stranger, at the coffee bar who was getting his own coffee at the same time.

Adam noticed the man, most specifically he noticed that the man looked unwell.

Having recently experienced illness in his own family, Adam recognized that the man's pallor was a bit off and he was moving very slowly. There was much about the look of the man that spoke volumes and there was no doubt that the stranger was very sick.

It is at these times, when we are in a rush, too busy to notice those around us - or even worse, notice those around us and ignore them, that a decision is made. Sometimes the decision is completely conscious and other times it is without thought or hesitation. I am referring to the decision to engage the person standing next to you.

Do you bother to take a moment and smile, which often sends the message that you are open and able to talk or perhaps listen to a stranger? Do you take that risk and become uncomfortable . . . not being sure that the stranger will take up too much of your precious time or even talk to you about things that you have no interest in at all.

Your response, the decision you make when faced with these types of encounters, can change the world. I state that with conviction and with love in my heart. If each of us took the time to pay attention to those around us I think the world would be a much better place.

The result of the encounter was that after a short but meaningful exchange Adam learned that this stranger, was indeed very sick and without hope. Adam is a special and unique person. I am lucky enough to personally know him. He is a spiritual leader and a man of great integrity. He took the time and spoke to this man and he encouraged him to have faith, to have hope and to pray.

So the class at the temple would have to wait because more important than what was ahead of him was what Adam and the stranger had NOW. They had each other and so they prayed. They moved off to the side, they sat down and spoke and prayed.

It seems so obvious, right? You take the time, talk to someone, maybe make a difference in their life . . . we all have the power to change the world, we just have to get a little uncomfortable.

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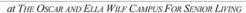
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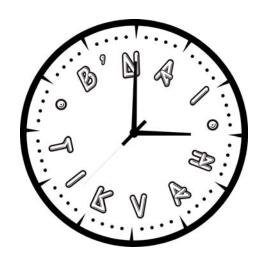
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Daily 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



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Meeting will begin at 1:00 PM

Men's Club

The Men's Club would like to thank all for another great year. With your support, we have continued to keep this an important within Congregation B'nai Tikvah. With your support we were able to:

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-Raise and Raze the roof of our Synagogue Sukkah Men's Club breakfast viewing the acclaimed film: "Jews in Baseball" while honoring our softball team

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- -Host Don Stern WW2 Jewish War Hero who flew 32 missions as a Bombardier over Europe.
- -Joint meeting with Sisterhood hosting a lecture by Dr. Theresa Schaer in regard to Sex as we age.

The Men's Club would not have been able to function not for the help and assistance of the following:

Allan Katronetsky - Men's Club Treasurer Bill Greenberg - Men's Club Board Representative Aaron Rosloff - Men's Club Vice President Mark Kirsch - Men's Club Softball Captain Charlie Valan - Men's Club Representative for the CBT Board selection committee Rabbi Wolkoff Cantor Rockman Lynne Weiss-Marshall Roz Fishman Sherri Valan Carlos and the rest of the custodian staff

We also acknowledge our following Men's Club members:

Stu Allen, Arthur Biederman, Gary Bergman, Rob Blackin, Gerald Fishelberg, Bill Greenberg, Joe Grodman, Mark Kasdin, Allan Katronetsky, Steve Katz, Terry Katz, Josh Lavender, Howie Nass, Norm, Politziner, Paul Rosenthal, Andy Ross, Barry Safeer, Joe Saloman, Mark Sherman, Jon Sookerman, Jeff Tanner, Charlie Valan, Irving Verosloff, Rich Watman, Allan Weg, and Phil Welsher.

Lastly, thank you to all who have helped and supported the Yom Hashoah candle program. Your assistance and donations have helped sustain an important program used to fund educational and religious school programs, Synagogue initiatives; and pertinent CBT Hashoah events.

We look to our membership to help sustain Men's Club and hope that we may welcome the next generation of leaders in September. Please have an enjoyable and safe summer!

Steven Katz President CBT Men's Club skatz56@aol.com

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Sisterhood would like to congratulate the following board members for the 2012/2013 year:

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Serena Blackin would like to thank everyone who supported the gift shop. We had a wonderful year.

A special thank you to Felice Ciccione and Nancy Asher Shultz for all their hard work and the "miles walked" to purchase all the merchandise. You know I definitely couldn't do this without the two of you!!!!

Membership -

It's never too late to join Sisterhood. Please contact Phyllis Safeer at 732-432-9622 if you are interested in getting involved. Sisterhood would love to welcome you.

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The PAC (Parent Action Committee) is sponsoring a luncheon for our teachers on Monday, June 4th.

Father's Fun Day is Sunday June 10th from 10:00 AM-12:00PM. There will be arts and crafts, games and refreshments. In addition, the Family Karate Super Center will have an interactive program for fathers and their children. Look for the flyer in the Hakol (page 10).

Our last school wide Shabbat Party will be on Friday, June 8th. We thank Cantor Rockman for bringing his enthusiasm, phenomenal musical talent and stories to our school wide Shabbat parties throughout the school year.

This year has really flown by. We have watched our children grow socially, emotionally and physically. We are so proud of all their achievements!

Our last day of school this year is Wednesday, June 14th. Dismissal will be at 12:00 for the 2 ½ and 3 year old classes. There will be no lunch, enrichment or late stay for those classes. The Pre-k class will stay in school and prepare for graduation beginning at 12:30 in the sanctuary followed by a luncheon reception in the social hall.

Kudos to our entire staff for an outstanding year:

Mrs. Ina Horn Mrs. Maria Lesko Mrs. Judy Meghnagi Mrs. Jennifer Pollack Mrs. Tracy Seiden Mrs. Terez Slim Mrs. Mindy Strauber Mrs. Carol Winter

Your love and devotion to all the children in our school is greatly appreciated.

A tremendous thank you goes to our PAC, co-chaired by Marlene Buckwald (Jacob 2010 and Alyssa 2013) and Dana Chalson (Eric 2012, Dylan, 2015). Kudos to the fundraising chairs, Jenna Lawson (Connor, 2011& Peyton 2012) and Ginger Haber (mother of James, class of 2011 and Chloe, class of 2015), and all the volunteers that made this year so successful.

A special toda rabbah to Jen Manson for picking up and delivering our challahs every week and for running our library program.

I'd like to thank Susan Kleinman (Connor & Peyton's grandmother), Jenna Lawson, Sheryl Levine, Marlene Buckwald and Lieka Demetriou for all their many hours creating our seventh annual Pre-K yearbook. We dedicated this year book to Susan who is "graduating" along with her youngest grandson, Peyton, for without her, we would never have had a yearbook the last couple of years. She has graciously agreed to mentor next year's yearbook editors!

Registration for school and camp is ongoing.

There are still spots available in our summer My Kid & Me program (ages 12-24 months) and our Toddler Fun Club (separation class for ages 2 to $2\frac{1}{2}$).

On a personal note, I would like to thank our Bnai Tikvah family and Bikur Cholim for their kind wishes after my husband Elliot's surgery.

Have a wonderful, healthy and safe summer.

Until September.. Morah Phyllis



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Pre-k Mother's Day Tea















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I do hope everyone has a great summer! Thanks to all my Kadima members this year for making this a very successful year at all Chapter & Regional events! We ended the year w/ 41 members again! Let's add to our membership next year.

Need-based scholarships are available to help with some of the costs for programs. Please contact Steve Juro at 732-960-1215 for all requirements. All conversations are confidential and we appreciate the same respect.

Contact me with questions or concerns throughout the year! Applications for next year are available on bnaitikvah.org/app-usy-kadima-2012-13.pdf.

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Doing Something Interesting This Summer?

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Perhaps, you could help us improve our website. We now have a handful of members who have accepted my challenge to learn how it's done. We have a host of projects that were sitting on the back burner and are now being developed or brought up to date.

In addition to the people now learning how to code, update, and maintain our many existing pages, we also need volunteers to help provide new and interesting content.

Someone suggested we create a page on our website to post photos and brief stories about the synagogues that our members have visited while on vacation. If you'd like to contribute, send your photos and descriptive text to webmaster@bnaitikvah.org and we'll create a place to showcase it.

Even though we converted/created our new website several years ago, there are still several links that were never completed, resulting in those dreaded "404 (page not found) errors".

We also are working on another project to pay tribute to those individuals who were the highlights of our past events: entertainers, performers, speakers, and presenters who were invited at one time or another by all the various arms of the synagogue, including L'dor Vador, Men's Club, Sisterhood and others.

If you'd like to help us out with these or other projects you can think of, please let me know.

Regards, Gary Bergman Webmaster@bnaitikvah.org

Unfair Advantage



It's a day past the deadline and I had no idea what to write about this month. Being on the Hakol Editing Committee gives me an unfair advantage. I had just finished reading Hilary Friedman's inspiring article on "Embracing the Uncomfortable." If you haven't read it yet (page 16), please do so now and come back here later: I'll wait....

Oh good, you're back. I hope you understood the point of her message. Even with the best of intentions, it appears we are rarely given such an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others. The reality is, there are opportunities all around us. It simply takes a willingness to make ourselves vulnerable by leaving our comfort zone.

If you have a desire to explore what you might be capable of, there are many people here in our B'nai Tikvah community to guide you. No, I may not be one of them but, for starters, there's the Bikur Cholim Committee, chaired by the person who wrote the article. The committee also consists of like-minded individuals who, like me, have learned to leave their comfort zone because they know they are doing something very positive - - and, in some cases, life changing -- for others as well as ourselves.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer,

Gary Bergman, President

With thanks to Hilary Friedman and the Bikur Cholim committee; they make me proud to be a member of B'nai Tikvah.

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Notes of Board of Directors Meeting May 7, 2012

- -386 member families
- -Blog Radio continues to be popular with many people coming to the classes and even more listening in. The plan for next year is to try to have 2 or 3 full-day classes, and to have them at people's homes in different parts of the area and to invite neighbors to join in.
- -Once again, the Jewish Federation will hold classes at our temple next year.
- -On Tuesday, June 12, we will be hosting the People are Hungry Concert to raise money for the South Brunswick Food Pantry.
- -Rejoice will be held indoors, here at the temple, on Sunday, December 2. There will be lots of different bands, food vendors, and games.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be on Monday, June 4

The Congregational meeting will be on Monday, June 25

The Board continues to meet during the summer: July 2, August 6, and September 10

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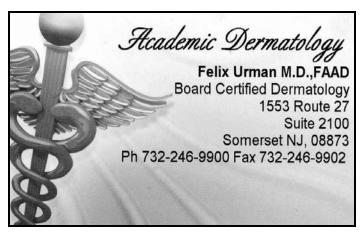
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Congregational Meeting moved to June 25th

The meeting was original scheduled for June 18 but, our primary presenter, Marty Abschutz, chair of the Budget Committee had other business to attend to.

Marty was re-appointed to the South Brunswick Board of Education for which he has served since 2002. At their upcoming June 18 meeting, the South Brunswick Board of Education Foundation will be recognizing its first 17 grant award winners.

Since Marty was the founder and current VP of the Foundation, it is important for him to be present at these awards.



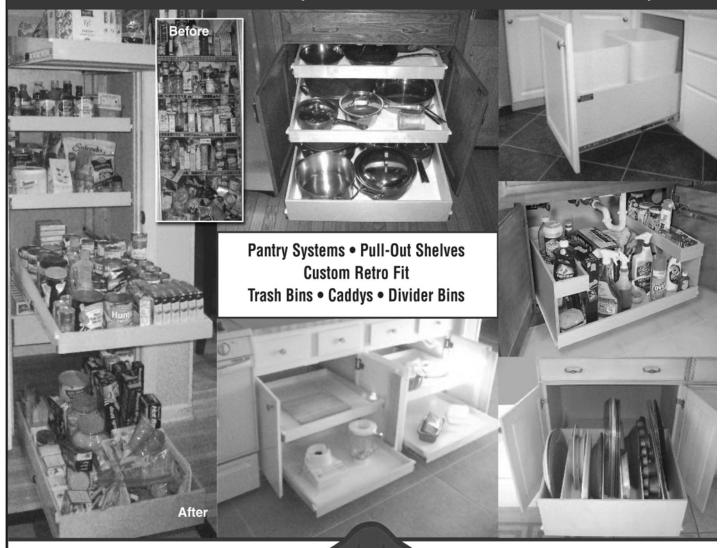


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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Candle Lighting	Shabbat Ends				1 11 Sivan	2 12 Sivan
1 8:04 pm 8 8:09 pm 15 8:12 pm 22 8:14 pm 29 8:14 pm	2 9:12 pm 9 9:17 pm 16 9:21 pm 23 9:22 pm 30 9:22 pm				Friday Night Plugged-in	Bar Mitzvah Palmer Stoley
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Hei/Chai Graduatio Salute to Israel Parade in NYC	n N S Teacher Appreciation Board of Directors	Daytimers Board Men's Basketball		2nd Generation Kadima Chill Night	Sisterhood Board Installation and Dinner Birthday Shabbat	Bat Mitzvah Allison Harkavy
10 20 Sivan	11 21 Sivan	12 22 Sivan	13 23 Sivan	14 24 Sivan	15 25 Sivan	16 26 Sivan
Nursery School Father's Fun Day	Sisterhood Board	People are Hungry Concert Israel Stamp Club Book Club BT Daytimers Men's Basketball	Yiddish Class Nursery School Last Day	Calendar Meeting Flag Day		Bat Mitzvah Marisa Katz
17 27 Sivan	18 28 Sivan	19 29 Sivan	20 30 Sivan	21 1 Tammuz	22 2 Tammuz	23 3 Tammuz
Kadima Closing Event Father's Day	Ritual Committee	Daytimers Meeting Men's Basketball	First Day of Summer ROSH CH	ODESH	Plugged-in and Dinner	Bar Mitzvah Justin Brody
24 4 Tammuz	25 5 Tammuz		27 7 Tammuz	28 8 Tammuz	29 9 Tammuz	30 10 Tammuz
Camp Orientation	First Day of Camp Israel Stamp Club Congregational Meeting			Executive Committee		



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