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SUNDAY

OCTOBER 28

10 AM - 1 PM

A Message From Rabbi Robert Wolkoff

The Baal Shem Tov, the 18th century spiritual master who founded the Chasidic movement, once recited the following parable: Two men went into the royal palace to see the king. At the entrance, though, they were informed that the king was not holding court that day. One left immediately, but the other asked permission to visit the palace, and view its beautiful paintings and works of art.

This, explained the Baal Shem Tov, is very similar to our relationship with G-d and the Torah. Within each of us is a seeker, someone who longs for contact with the Divine. We seek to enter the palace. But we experience that the Divine King is not holding court today. We have trouble finding our way in. We don't seem to have the facility to march right into the Divine King's chambers. The fact that the Baal Shem Tov felt it necessary to tell this story to his followers seems to indicate that even back then, our ancestors had the same problems that we do. It seems we're not as spiritual as we used to be, but then again, we never were.

Those who have immediate access to the Divine are few and far between. That's just the way things are. The crucial issue is, what do we do when we find our way to the Divine King blocked? Do we just walk away? All too often, the answer is yes. I know a camera buff who once showed me a camera that loads the film for you, adjusts the light for you, focuses the lens for you, adjusts the F-stop for you, and on and on. It wouldn't have surprised me if the thing could cook dinner for you. And my camera buff friend said, "If they can make cameras this easy, they could make Judaism this easy." And since they didn't (whoever "they" is), he had basically turned his back on our tradition.

But, of course, there's a difference. The camera with all the bells and whistles can do just about everything—except make you a great photographic artist. For that, you need inspiration. And inspiration comes from G-d. So, in other words, what Judaism has to offer begins where the camera's contribution ends.



But we'll never get to experience that inspiration if we just walk away from the palace. We need to take advantage of those Divine wonders and masterpieces that grace the palace, even if we don't get to see the King himself. And in Judaism, those Divine wonders and masterpieces are found in the study of Torah.

Now that the fall holidays are coming to a close, we will be embarking on our adult education program. This year, we will have the pleasure of learning together in people's homes, on topics of your choice. We could learn Bible, or Rabbinic Texts, Ethics or Spirituality, Holocaust or Theology, anything that piques our interest. At the very least, you will be able to enjoy the fellowship of other seekers like yourself. And our tradition teaches us that when two sit together to study Torah, the Presence of G-d is with them—so who knows, you might just get a glimpse of the King himself after all!

So please contact Renee Juro, our Vice President for programming, (at 732 960-1215) if you would like to host; and send me an email (at rabbi@bnaitikvah.org) if you have any questions you'd like for us to tackle.

Let's learn!!!

Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff

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Youth Committee

We're off to a great start for the year with our youth groups, USY, Kadima, & our newly formed group for 3rd - 5th graders, Pre-Kadima! They say "it takes a village to raise a child." Well, in the same way, it takes a synagogue and its members to "raise" its youth groups and make them successful. We are fortunate enough to have great energy from our Kadima Advisor, Jordana Andersen, returning for her 6th year, and our USY Advisor, Amanda Dillman, back for her first full year. Our own Stacey Rockman, along with Naomi Lasky from Temple Beth El, have kicked off Pre-Kadima in a big way with a terrific turnout of 30 kids for their first event!

None of this success would be possible without the support of members and parents who bring their kids to events, help supervise when needed, volunteer on the Youth Committee, or provide services that not only save BT money but add a personal touch. A special thanks to Matica Bierstein who worked very hard this summer to make four beautiful floor pillows for the Youth Lounge.

Also greatly appreciated is the talent of Ken Wistreich, who has repainted the chalkboard (multiple times) and fixed cabinets and other things in the Youth Lounge.

I'd also like to acknowledge Eagle's Landing Day Camp at Mill Road for generously allowing us to use its campgrounds for our joint USY/Kadima opening event on September 9th. It was a picture-perfect day with a great turnout of more than 40 kids and an enjoyable way to start the new year! Thank you to all of the parents who helped supervise and make the event memorable for the kids.

We are always looking for BT members to join our Youth Committee and to share new ideas. It's a new year, new beginning, and a great time to get involved.

Shana Tovah,
Ruth Shindler

College Connection

Please complete and return the form in this Hakol (page 15) or visit the BT website at bnaitikvah.org/college.html to complete the College Connection application for your college student.

Thanks.
Phyllis Safer

Michala's Bat Mitzvah Project

Hi, my name is Michala and I have a huge passion for dance. Luckily for me, I have the training and classes, as well as costumes, leotards, tights, and shoes that I need, so I am able to be a great dancer. On the other hand, some children in our country don't have these things. My Mitzvah project is to help underprivileged children become dancers, no matter how little money they have. I believe all people should chase their dreams and be whoever they want to be in life.

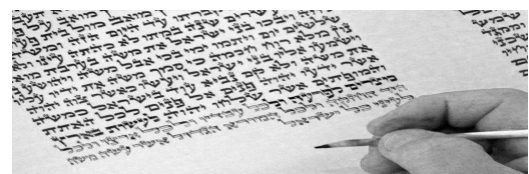


I'm planning on working with a dance foundation to collect and donate dance items to the children who need them. I feel if they have these things, such as dancewear, dance shoes, costumes, and teachers, maybe their dreams will come true to be amazing dancers. If they are given the opportunity to dance and have the necessary things to do so, I would feel really great knowing I helped them develop dance programs in areas where there might not have been any.

I will be collecting new and gently used dance items in order to complete my mitzvah project and help as many children as possible feel like I do when I dance. Also, monetary donations are greatly appreciated and can be made to the Dizzy Feet Foundation at dizzyfeetfoundation.org in honor of Michala Glassman's Bat Mitzvah Project. To make arrangements for any donated items, please call 732-232-9866 or they can be dropped off to 28 Raleigh Rd. Kendall Park. This project is very important to me for many reasons and I hope to make a big, positive impact on many children and help their dreams come true to dance!

I believe that when someone WANTS to dance, he or she NEEDS to dance in order to be truly happy and feel complete throughout life. I hope to bring joy and happiness to all the dancers out there who haven't been as lucky as I have to be given all I need to pursue my passion for dance.

Mitzvah 613 - Sofer Visit Sunday, October 28, 9am



From the Desk of Cantor Bruce Rockman

SUKKOT

It is now Sukkot and my spiritual connections are intensifying. Last month, I wrote about my exhilarating experience in Israel. It is my hope that my enthusiasm and passion will make you smile and encourage you to deepen your connection to G-d and Israel. My preparation for and celebration of all of our holidays enriches my spiritual connection to Israel, the Jewish People, and to G-d.



This summer, more than a few B'nai Tikvah families and individuals traveled to Israel, including the Blackin and the Yadin families. Debbie and Jerry Rosen also there, they visited their son, Brad, and his family, who live in Israel. North Brunswick High School senior Lauren Wistreich was on USY Pilgrimage for an experience of a lifetime! Maoz Brown now lives in Israel and is a soldier in the Israeli army. Maoz also met Maayan, his soon-to-be bride, while in Israel, Mazal Tov! Seth Frumkin has recently returned for a second full year of study in Israel. Princeton student Dina Sharon went to Israel on "Birthright" and Adam Talmud who recently graduated from college made aliyah. Adam is currently training for the Israel Defense Force. Our connections to Israel are ever intensifying.

From sunset on Sunday, September 30, 2012, through nightfall on Sunday, October 7, 2012, we celebrate Sukkot. We conclude this season's Jewish Holidays on Monday evening October 8th, and Tuesday, the 9th, with Simchat Torah one of the sweetest holidays that we have! Who can forget the candied apples and the pointy & VERY dangerous flag sticks? I really don't remember anyone poking an eye out, do you? I just remember looking forward to going to the synagogue a lot more than usual. Celebrating Sukkot and especially Simchat Torah taught me that Judaism is a fun religion.

Sukkot in the B'nai Tikvah community is one of the most enjoyable, heartwarming, and happy holidays that we celebrate. We wander with great purpose from sukkah to sukkah, the parties are plentiful, as are the abundant refreshments! It is probably a good idea to plan to wait on your Rosh Hashanah resolution to lose a few pounds until you complete your Sukkah visits. It is such a fun time!

Sukkot and Thanksgiving are connected; each is an autumn harvest holiday. Our Israelite ancestors' experience informed our American predecessors, the Pilgrims, through the new Americans' understanding of the bible, thus mirroring our ancient holiday. We also remember, as we celebrate our bountiful harvest on Sukkot and Thanksgiving, that we must continue our commitment to the needs of our greater community and the varied charitable initiatives by B'nai Tikvah and our local social service organizations.

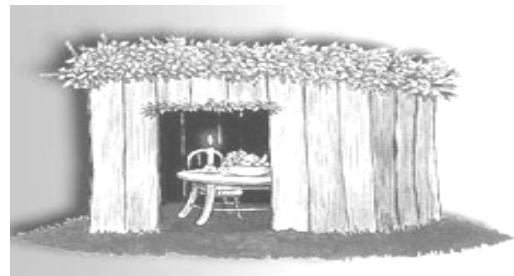
Let there be no confusion, our love for America and for Israel do not compete. We serve our country and value our freedom and our rights as Americans. As Jews, we are proud that the ancient lessons taught in our Torah help to mold this great young nation. Israel is our sacred home; we are strengthened and completed as human beings by our spiritual connections.

Thank you for reading this message: your comments are greatly valued.

With Appreciation and Joy,
Cantor Bruce Rockman

Please remember to mark your calendars for our Interfaith Thanksgiving Service and Celebration, which will take place here at B'nai Tikvah on Sunday November 18th. We give thanks to the diversity and the security that we enjoy living in America.

Lunch In The Sukkah Tuesdays, October 2nd & 9th



Interfaith Thanksgiving Service



At B'nai Tikvah
Sunday, November 18th, 8:00 pm

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ANOTHER VIEWPOINT

Judy Collins

Send in the Clowns. I saw Judy Collins last night (8/16/12) on PBS. Judy has been performing for 50 years. Those years have been kind to her. She is still beautiful and her voice is instantly recognizable. Even, with my eyes closed she is Judy Collins, one of the great folksingers of our time. Or should I say, my time, as some of my readers were not even born when she became a star.



If Judy were starting out today, I believe she would have a much harder time competing with hard rock and rap music. She sang, like many others of those times, protest songs about feeding the hungry and the sick, and songs of love and peace and justice.

I remember Joan Baez and Peter Paul and Mary and the Weavers, Pete Seeger, Bob Dylan and Woody Guthrie and other popular entertainers, although entertainers may not be the best way to describe their profession. Singing preachers would be more like it. Some of them survived by playing in subway stations or on street corners, with an open guitar case into which passersby could drop a coin. It was not an easy life, but they carried a message to help create a better life for others.

Technically, not all of them had really great voices, but their messages reached out to us and created a great following. To my knowledge, Woodstock in the 1960s brought out the greatest audience ever, just to listen to American folk music.

We tend to fall back on what were, to us, the "Good Old Days." Depending, of course, on your age. It could be the 1940s, '50s, '60s, or '70s. As I said before, Judy Collins has been singing for 50 years and her music is as relevant today as it was back then. To me, the good old days began in the 1940s with Burl Ives, but no matter what era you look back on, we can all ask to Send in the Clowns, Where are the Clowns?

Thank you Judy Collins!

PRE-KADIMA

The excitement was palpable as the early-arriving Pre-Kadima-niks chanted PRE- KADIMA PRE- KADIMA as other children began to appear. With thirty children, grades 3-5, from Temple Beth El Somerset and Congregation B'nai Tikvah, we were all caught up in the excitement as well. The children had the opportunity to get to know each other with a game of human bingo. They ate pizza and ran around the yard and ended the event with "Cupcake Wars." The children decorated cupcakes with a variety of colorful candy toppings. With the help of Brandon Weber, Brooke Valan was declared winner – the prize was a giant Hershey bar! Judging the cupcakes was very hard. The participants were a creative bunch and really enjoyed eating their creations. We are so excited to have had such a great first event and we look forward to our next event on **Sunday October 21**. Details to follow soon!

Stacey Rockman and Naomi Lasky
bnaitikvah.org/pre-kadima.html



Our Online Storage

I took a recent look at the amount of webspace we are using for the B'nai Tikvah website. I was a bit surprised we were using as much as we are. It's been a while since I looked at the web statistics and I recently noticed that we now had more than 600 individual web pages.

But even considering the vast amount of graphic images and a handful of videos, it didn't account for the relatively large amount of storage we were using. Then I did a quick search for Portable Document Files (PDFs) and guess what....

Between all the board minutes and past issues of Hakol, I discovered more than 400 documents. The Hakol files can be accessed by anyone. Simply go to our home page and on the left column, just under the image of the current issue, is a link to the directory of all the past issues. The board minutes are a different matter. These are considered more confidential and only available to synagogue members.

You will be asked for a user id and password to access these files. Call the synagogue office at 732-297-0696 to obtain this information.



I would like to give big congratulations to my Kadima Chapter! We had 11 members attending Encampment this past summer! What an impressive amount of members attending Camp. It is great to be the Advisor of such an involved Group!



Please check out our 2 bulletin boards in the Synagogue. Pictures from events are always added & updated from all events.

Our Opening event at Mill Road Day Camp was a blast for all. The 14 Kadimaniks had a chance to get together with our USY Chapter for this event. It's great to see both groups interact & we look forward to doing this again this year!

Thanks to all the members who went Apple Picking this year at Von Thun's for Rosh Hashanah. I'm sure the Congregation appreciates all of your help.

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

September 23rd

BBQ & Games at Marisa Katz's house.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 7th

Chinese Food in the Sukkah at the home of Adam Seidman, 397 Halsey Road, North Brunswick, from 5-6:30 pm. The cost is only \$5. Please RSVP by 10/2.

October 22nd

BINGO in the Youth Lounge from 6-7:30 pm. Don't miss out. We will be having pizza for dinner &, of course, we have prizes for the winners. Please RSVP by 10/17.

October 28th

Regional Opening Event in South Orange. Details TBA in our weekly emails.

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

As a reminder, if you attended Encampment this past summer it is required to join Kadima.

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

Contact me with questions or concerns throughout the year! If you need another application, just ask & always accepted.

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Opening USY and KADIMA Events at Eagles Landing



I can't believe we're already in our 2nd month of fun with USY! We have many more fantastic events coming this month. But first, let's recap what we've done so far!



Our OPENING EVENT at Eagle's Landing Day Camp at Mill Road was a HUGE success! We had more than 25 USYers in attendance. They enjoyed spending time with the Kadimaniks, playing gaga, swimming, playing volleyball, mini golfing, and more! There were delicious pizza, snacks, and even ice pops for dessert. A good time was had by all!

By the time you read this article, we will have already run another successful Rosh Ha'Shanah Food Drive (9/17-9/25), heard our 2012-2013 USY President, Arielle Weg, make a beautiful speech at Rosh Ha'Shanah services, and had a wonderful time doing some serious bonding at our Gender Bonding event (9/20).

We have some very exciting events planned for October!

Wednesday, 10/3 – SUKKAH NIGHT – 6:30-8pm – Home of Danny & Caryl Greenberg. Get ready for a night of fun in the Greenberg's Sukkah! There will be friends, plenty of food, and your favorite and mine: Karaoke!!! This will be NSBUSY's first-ever Karaoke in the Sukkah. We will also will be playing Sukkot-themed Taboo and a few rounds of Apples to Apples. We look forward to seeing everyone there! This event is free of cost!

Saturday, 10/13 – REGIONAL OPENING DANCE – Springfield, NJ. Everyone is looking forward to a fabulous evening of dancing and catching up with USY friends they haven't seen in a while. We will have a bus for this event. Please check your email for updates regarding bus times or reach out to nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com The bus will cost \$10 and the dance will cost \$8.

Tuesday, 10/23 – IRON CHEF NIGHT – 6:30-8pm – Kitchen (near gym) at B'nai Tikvah . Do you like food? How about some friendly competition? Well then, NSBUSY's very own Iron Chef Night is for you!

This is our first time ever running this event and it promises to be a blast! We will have a list of ingredients, break everyone into teams, and see who can come up with the best concoction! USYers also will be able to eat what they create. This event is free of cost!

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER, 2012:

Thursday, November 1st – Save the Date for a terrific USY Event!

Friday-Sunday, November 16th-18th – Regional Fall Kinnus – Clark, NJ

Tuesday, November 27th – Yoga Night at B'nai Tikvah

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 are online at bnaitikvah.org/usyform.html

Amanda Dillman
nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com

Used Clothing Drive November 4th

We are collecting:

- Wearable and Usable Clothing (Men's, Women's, and Children's)
- Shoes, Belts, Handbags
- Linens (Bedding, Curtains, Towels, Small Rugs, Tablecloths)
- Stuffed Animals
- Hard Toys

Our Religious School will receive money for every pound we collect. Please put all of your items into tied plastic bags and bring them to the Religious School wing on November 4th.



Thank you for supporting B'nai Tikvah's Religious School!



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Congregation B'nai Tikvah Religious School

Ann Ruth Nimberg
Religious School Principal



The first day of Religious School was amazing. I want to take a moment to thank the following people: Rabbi Wolkoff, Jeff Schwartz, Lauren Cohen, and Aimee Webber for their inspiring words; Cantor Rockman and the Sons of Tikvah for a wonderful musical assembly; our terrific staff for being so well prepared and all the parents who joined us. Just a reminder: the gathering in the gym on Sundays is for the students. You are always welcome to come in and join us but you need not come in to pick up your children. We will continue to escort them outside at 12:00 p.m.

October's calendar is filled with many events. The JET programs for our younger families will be held on Sunday, October 7th: Grades K-1 at 10:30 a.m. and Grade 2 at 9:30 a.m. This is an opportunity for our new families to meet each other in an informal setting.

New this year is Rabbi Wolkoff's discussion with the parents. The first of these discussions will be held on Sunday, October 14th, with the Bet parents at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Lounge.

On Sunday, October 21st, the first Chai Breakfast with the Rabbi will be held in the gym. Parents are invited to join their children for breakfast at 10:00 a.m. The students and the Rabbi will begin their discussions at 10:30 a.m.

You will be able to visit your child's classroom on Sunday, October 28th. Visitation will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 10:30 a.m. Each session will be twenty minutes in length. This will give you the opportunity to visit multiple classrooms. Please remember, this is not the time for a conference. If you wish to speak to the teacher about your child, please set up an appointment.

As always, our programs begin after minyan. If you are waiting for the program to begin, do take the opportunity to join our minyan or to enjoy a nosh.

Updates will be sent out for September and October. After October, you will receive an update for your child's class at the end of each month. Enjoy the fall season with its brisk weather and beautiful leaves.

B'Shalom,

Ann Ruth Nimberg

Education Director

OCTOBER EVENTS

- October 7 JET K-1 at 10:30 am
JET Grade 2 at 9:30 am
- October 8 Office closed
- October 14 Rabbi discussion with the Bet Parents
at 9:30 am
- October 21 Chai Breakfast with the Rabbi at 10:00 am
- October 22 Religious School Committee Meeting
at 7:45 pm
- October 28 Classroom Visitation from
9:30 am - 10:30 am
- October 31 Teacher In-Service (No school)

Preview of Upcoming Events:

Rabbi discussion with the Gimmel Parents,
Barnes & Noble Book Fair



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Babylonian Talmud, Bava Bathra 10a



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with children be-
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and 7. You need not
attend the dinner to
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Cost \$8.00 per adult, \$0.00 for children 2 - 12

Is your child or other family member celebrating a birthday or any other special occasion in the month of October?

Please let us know so that we can make this announcement.

For \$18.00 you can **SPONSOR** the Kiddush in honor of that event or any other special occasion. See form below

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Questions? Call Bobbi @ 732-274-2797 or email eemaof3@comcast.net

When I was young I admired clever people. Now that I am old, I admire kind people.
Rabbi Abraham Joshua Herschel 1907 - 1972

Family Shabbat Goes National

On Friday, August 3, 2012, Marc and I had the honor of leading Family Shabbat dinner and services at Congregation Beth Shalom in Seattle, Washington. Back in 2006, we told Rabbi Jill Borodin that if the two of us were ever in Seattle together again, that we would love to bring our program to their synagogue. (This is my sister's and her family's shul.) I have gone to the West Coast since then, but Marc has not joined me.

This summer, we spent three glorious weeks in the Pacific Northwest, working and vacationing. We coordinated with the synagogue in the spring; I created a prayer book for them, sent them our flyer so that they could tailor it to their synagogue and waited anxiously to see how many people would respond. The numbers were great - 65 people were in attendance that evening. It was as crazy and as much fun as it is at B'nai Tikvah.

We recently received the following note from Rabbi Jill Borodin: "Thanks for the tremendous gift of your leadership, cooking and inspiration. We are now building on your

leadership, adding a few family services to our calendar the year. We hope that you will visit us again very soon."

This month marks the 18th anniversary of Congregation B'nai Tikvah's family Shabbat program. Marc and I started this in 1994 as a way to have our children attend Friday night services at a more reasonable hour. (Remember when the Beit Midrash was located where the Youth Lounge is now?) There were times when we had 2 families in attendance! But we continued on (with the help of Barry Safeer, Jackie Master, and Karen Cohen over the years) and now average 60 - 70 people each month, with our maximum of 95!

If you know of anyone, member or non-member, who has children between the ages of 2 and 7 (of course, younger children are more than welcome), please encourage them to come and try us out!!! We meet on the 3rd Friday night of each month, except for December this year, when we will hold our dinner/service on the 2nd Friday night so that we can celebrate Chanukah together!

Bobbi Binder

B'nai Tikvah's COLLEGE CONNECTION...

It is vitally important to maintain ties with our college age congregants. Help us keep our young adults in contact with Jewish traditions, ideas and activities. A committee will be sending care packages to congregant's children from B'nai Tikvah and we need your help by completing and returning the information below so your child can be included in this custom. Please contact me if you need further information.

B'shalom,

Phyllis Safeer 732-432-9622 PBJSR@comcast.net

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*** Please note that College Connection care packages are limited to children of Congregants ***

SOCIAL ACTION

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

Why we run this program? The following is an excerpt of one of the thank you notes we received on behalf of a family we sponsored: "This family has never experienced such great generosity. They felt overjoyed and emotional upon receiving the gifts. The mother told me she was happy to see that her children finally have toys to play with so they are no longer bored at home. The teachers were commenting that they noticed the children's self esteem improve when they came to school proudly dressed in their new clothes. The children are now appropriately dressed for the weather and are even wearing socks which were noticeably missing prior to receiving the gifts. They sleep much more comfortably at night with their new blankets and their heater....." **This is why we run this program...to make a difference in peoples' lives.**

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

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

How can you help?

1. Become a **family coordinator** for one family's wish list. This might involve getting your family, friends, co-workers, and merchants to donate the needed items to fulfill the family's wish list.

2. **Volunteer to obtain one or more** of the items on a family's wish list. **Donate money** that will be specifically used to purchase items on a family's wish list. Checks should be made payable to Congregation B'nai Tikvah Holiday Program.

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I want to be a family coordinator I want to volunteer to obtain one or more items on a family's wish list

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Send completed form to Janice Baer, Congregation B'nai Tikvah by November 18th Any questions, call Janice Baer 732-940-0268 or Jbbd11@verizon.net Forms are also on the synagogue website. PLEASE RESPOND BY NOVEMBER 18th

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Kosher Wine Tasting and Pairing -
Sunday, October 14th, at 10 am

Please join the Men's Club and the Sisterhood on
Sunday, October 14th for Kosher Wine Tasting and Pairing
with internationally recognized sommelier Shawn Ohara. This
is a joint meeting that will be both pleasurable and educa-
tional. A light breakfast will be available and RSVPs are a
must by October 10th. Please call or email Phyllis Safer at
[732-432-9622](tel:732-432-9622) (pbjsr@comcast.net) or email Steve Katz at
skatz56@aol.com to confirm your attendance.

Please save the date for our next 3 Men's Club meetings: The
evening of November 7th will be our annual FJMC Men's
Club Man of the Year dinner to honor Bill Greenberg, at the
Grand Marquis in Old Bridge, NJ. On Sunday, Dec. 16th, our
meeting will be on Sushi making. Sunday, February 3rd, will
be our annual World Wide Wrap. Prospective programs: How
Banks are monitoring you; a lecture on "Understanding
Obesity" by a respected DOCTOR; Jewish Sports Hall of
Fame induction ceremony; Classic Cars; Pancake Breakfast;
Somerset Patriots baseball, and other great programs. More
details to follow....

An advance thank you to all who helped to Raise the Roof of
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Thursday, November 15th

Sisterhood's Paid-up Membership Dinner featuring Alice Golembo, grandniece of Golda Meir. Please see ad on page 20 for more information and how to make your reservation.

Sunday, December 16th

Join us for Sushi making.

Saturday, March 30th

New date for **Passover Poker**. More details to come.

Membership

It's never too late to join Sisterhood. Please contact Caryl Greenberg at 908-216-7616 or Brenda Sherman at 732-940-1110 if you are interested in getting involved in Sisterhood. We would love to welcome you.

Please note there was an error in the mailing address in the previous edition of the membership form. We apologize for the error. The corrected mailing address is on the membership form included in this Hakol.

Gift Shop – Store Hours are Sunday 9AM-12 noon and Wednesday 4PM-6:15PM or by Appointment call Serena Blackin at 732-390-9515.

**** October Special ****

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Social Action

For the month of October we are collecting the following items for the South Brunswick Food Pantry: canned coffee, rice, juice, bottled water, boxed potatoes & snack foods. 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!

Torah Fund

Your Torah Fund contribution strengthens and perpetuates Conservative Judaism throughout the world. For information on ways you can support Torah Fund, contact Ann Rosenzweig, 732-249-9141.

Mitzvah Baskets

Having a B'nai Mitzvah or other simcha? Let Sisterhood decorate the bima with two non-perishable food baskets that match your color scheme! We also deliver the baskets for use at other synagogues so tell your local friends about this service! For more information or to order your bima baskets please contact Andrea Katz: macys-mommm@aol.com or 732-329-0687.

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NURSERY SCHOOL

Phyllis Denenberg,
Nursery School Director



School is off to a great start.

I would like to introduce this year's staff:

Terez Slim, Administrative Assistant

Jennifer Pollack, Teacher of My Kid & Me

Jennifer Pollack, Teacher of Toddler Fun Club

Lori Schemo, Assistant

Joy Orlan, Teacher of 2 ½ year olds

Jennifer Pollack (M, W) & Jenna Lawson (Th) Assistants

Carol Winter, Head Teacher of 3 year olds

Ann Mascarenhas, Assistant

Ina Horn, Head Teacher of Pre-K;

Maria Lesko, Assistant

Jennifer Pollack, Late-stay teacher

Our 3's and Pre-K classes went to Giamarese Farm in East Brunswick last month. They went on a hayride and picked apples, just in time for Rosh Hashannah.

We started our free Shabbat Together program for children (ages 18 months to 4 years old) along with a parent, grandparent, or caretaker. It is an hour program from 10:45 to 11:45 on Fridays twice per month. The first half hour is with Morah Phyllis (Denenberg), when the children learn about Shabbat or a holiday and then create an art project. The second half is spent in various classrooms, joining their individual Shabbat Party or the school-wide Shabbat Party. Both Rabbi Wolkoff and the Cantor participate in this program. The schedule is on our website along with a registration form.

Our first fundraiser for this year was the Rosh Hashannah Bake Sale. Thank you to all those who participated. We hope all of you who ordered the challahs and baked goods enjoyed them.

The Nursery School sells challahs all year round as a fundraiser. Challahs can be picked up on Fridays. If you are interested in ordering, please contact the school office.

We have started our **Kidstuff** coupon book sale. It is similar to the Entertainment books. Families save money on clothing, shoes, sporting goods, toys, activities, electronics, food (including Shoprite), and more. It makes a great gift. The cost is \$25.00 per book and is available in the school office.

Our upcoming fundraisers include "**Fun Pasta**" later this month. In November, the Barnes & Noble Book Fair and our Chanukah Regifting Boutique will take place.

This month, all classes will learn about the holidays of and Sukkot and Simchat Torah. Decorations for the shul sukkah and their own family sukkahs will be created and the brachot (blessings) on the lulav and etrog will be taught. We will snack in the sukkah whenever the weather permits. Flags and Torahs will be designed for Simchat Torah. The children will march with them up and down the halls!

Yoga class (or Zumba) with Miss Joann will take place every other week. Soccer with Coach Spencer or Coach Eddie will take place on a monthly basis.

On Shabbat, October 20th we will read Parshat Noach. Earlier that week, we will be learning about Noah and the ark. Each class will be doing projects and activities relating to this topic.

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Phyllis

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More than ten years ago, when my wife, Bobby, and I became empty nesters, we often came to services on Friday night. I don't remember exactly why but, one Friday evening I came to the synagogue earlier than usual and heard something strange going on in the Kiddush room. The door was open and when I looked in, I saw Marc & Bobbi Binder sitting on the carpeted floor with four little kids playing and singing songs. I had no idea what they were doing or who the kids were but, whatever it was, they seemed to be having a wonderful time.


Not to be intrusive, I waited until after services and, in the Kiddish Room, asked Bobbi what that was about. She told me that, once a month or so, she and Marc would conduct what they called a "Family Shabbat Service." Basically, they designed a special song and story time to engage a few three- and four-year-olds in a very abbreviated and joyful religious service.

That little program grew over the years and is now held once a month on Friday at 6pm, when they host a special Shabbat dinner and service in the gym for kids 2 thru 7. Bobby and I (along with some other grandparents) have been bringing our grandchildren for the past several years and have enjoyed seeing as many 70 people in the gym for this wonderful program.

Phyllis Denenberg, who runs our Nursery School, also introduced a "Shabbat Together" program every other Friday during the day at 10:45 AM for children, ages 1 thru 4, who are accompanied by adults.

The schedules for both of these excellent programs are posted in the Service Schedule column at bnaitikvah.org

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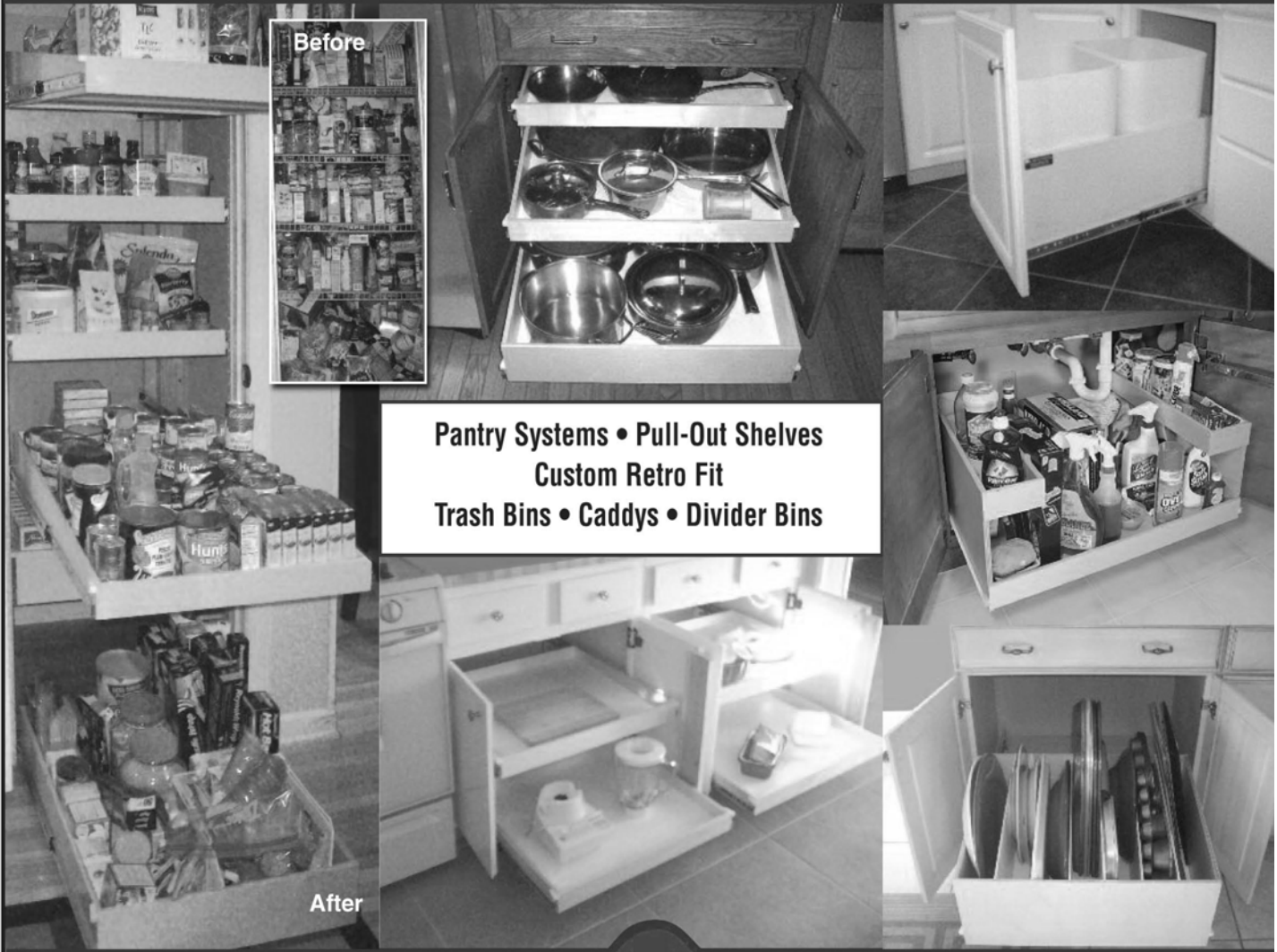


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Dues include our Paid-up Membership Dinner on November 15th, catered by Classical Caterers.

Social action through Sisterhood supports Jewish Family Services, Community food banks, local women's shelters, and most of all B'nai Tikvah!

Please contact Caryl Greenberg: carylgreenberg@verizon.net (908-216-7616) or Brenda Sherman: mandbsherman@yahoo.com (732-940-1110) with any questions. We look forward to sharing fun times together with old friends and new!

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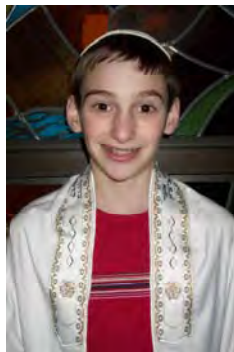
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	1 15 Tishrei Office/School Closed SUKKOT	2 16 Tishrei Office/School Closed Lunch in the Sukkah SUKKOT	3 17 Tishrei USY Sukkah Event	4 18 Tishrei Pre-KADIMA Sukkah Party	5 19 Tishrei	6 20 Tishrei Lunch & Learn
7 21 Tishrei Grade 1 JET 10:30 Grade 2 JET 9:30 KADIMA Sukkah Party HOSHANA RABBAH	8 22 Tishrei SHEMINI ATZERET (YIZKOR) Office/School Closed COLUMBUS DAY	9 23 Tishrei SIMCHAT TORAH Office/School Closed Lunch in the Sukkah	10 24 Tishrei PAC Meeting Executive Committee	11 25 Tishrei Youth Committee	12 26 Tishrei Nursery School Shabbat Together Birthday Shabbat	13 27 Tishrei Jr. Congregation For Adults USY Regional Opening Dance Seudah & Study
14 28 Tishrei Sisterhood Men's Club	15 29 Tishrei Board of Directors	16 30 Tishrei Sisterhood Board Men's Basketball Book Club ROSH HODESH	17 1 Cheshvan	18 2 Cheshvan Bikur Cholim Meeting B'nai Mitzvah Meeting	19 3 Cheshvan Family Shabbat Service	20 4 Cheshvan Bar Mitzvah Aaron Jackenthal
21 5 Cheshvan Chai School Breakfast	22 6 Cheshvan KADIMA Bingo-Pizza School Board Meeting	23 7 Cheshvan USY Event Men's Basketball	24 8 Cheshvan	25 9 Cheshvan	26 10 Cheshvan Nursery School Shabbat Together	27 11 Cheshvan Bar Mitzvah Jake Zimmerman
28 12 Cheshvan Religious School Open House KADIMA Regional Opening Event Mitzvah 613 SOFER Visit	29 13 Cheshvan Ritual Committee	30 14 Cheshvan Rutgers Jewish Film Festival Starts Men's Basketball	31 15 Cheshvan No Religious School		Candle Lighting 5 6:16 pm 12 6:05 pm 19 5:54 pm 26 5:45pm	Shabbat Ends 6 7:12 pm 13 7:01pm 20 6:51pm 27 6:42pm

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