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A Message From Rabbi Robert Wolkoff



The essence of Jewish life is *halachah*. Often translated as “law,” *halachah* actually has a much more subtle meaning. Broadly speaking, *halachah* refers to “guidance as we walk on life’s journey.” Yes, I know, “law” just seems easier. But when we examine the process by which we decide upon “law,” the image of journeying is all the more important. We usually imagine that law is something straightforward and clear cut. “The law is reason, free from passion,” wrote Aristotle. Sure. In the world of philosophers, maybe. But not out here in the real world, and the Jewish world is, proudly and consciously, a world of real life, not abstract ideals.

One small problem with Aristotle’s view: we aren’t all that reasonable, and we are definitely not free from passion.

Enter *halachah*, our guide as we try to maneuver through a world of questions on a path that is anything but straightforward and clear cut. Our attempt to find our way is mediated through our Ritual Committee, one of the glories of Conservative Judaism. On the Ritual Committee, I work together with Cantor Rockman and our lay leadership to understand all the twists and turns each issue presents us.

One question we are examining right now: Is it possible for two people to share an *aliyah* to the Torah? The answer is clear for Aristotle, maybe (not that he would think very often about *aliyot*, but that’s another story). But for us, the answer is not clear at all. It is profoundly linked to various passions—all of which are in conflict, as passions usually are. Let’s examine some aspects of the question.

First, there is the theological aspect (putting G-d first sounds like a good idea, no?). The *aliyah* is for the purpose of reciting a *berachah*, a blessing. It is a moment of high ritual drama, an echo of receiving the Torah at Mt. Sinai. It should be a profoundly serious (although not necessarily solemn) moment. The blessing should be done correctly, and clearly. And when two people do the *berachah* together, it often doesn’t come out right at all.

On the other hand (don’t you just love that phrase?), there is the personal aspect of the question. Not everyone feels comfortable standing in front of a couple of hundred people and reciting something in a language they don’t understand. Perhaps they need the support of another person standing and chanting next to them? After all, we’ve known from nursery school that it’s easier to sing together than to sing solo. And maybe we should be putting those individual needs first. G-d can handle it even if the *berachah* comes out garbled. He’s a big G-d. And, then, there’s the familial aspect of it. When a husband and wife come up to celebrate their anniversary, or the parents of a Bar/Bat Mitzvah come up to celebrate their child’s transition to adulthood, wouldn’t we actually *want* them to recite the blessing together?

On the other hand, there is a fourth perspective, the historical one. Our custom at CBT has been to allow only one person to recite the blessing (although couples may come up together). I don’t know how it got to be that way, but it got to be that way for a reason. Are we prepared to overturn the custom of our ancestors? Not lightly, I hope. That way leads to chaos. We live at a time of rapid (some might say, maddening) flux in our lives. The shul is one of the few places where we can rely on things being more or less the same. Is it worth sacrificing our continuity in order to have the pleasure of watching two people recite the *aliyah* blessing together?

And, by the way, (issue number five, aesthetics) it isn’t always such a pleasure. You would think that people called up for an *aliyah* would know what they are doing. Sometimes yes. Sometimes no. And when it’s no, it’s *really* no. Painful to listen to, and why should we expect anything different? Uncle Hymie and Aunt Sadie from Seattle are in the *mishpacha*, not in the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. They’re here to *kvell*, not croon.

What was that again about reason and the absence of passion?

And the discussion isn’t over yet. There’s not even enough room on this page to mention all the issues (much less resolve them). But if you would like to participate in the discussion, you’re welcome to the next Ritual Committee meeting on February 25th, right after minyan. Come and walk with us a little, as we look for the *halachah* to guide us on life’s journey.

Shalom,

Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff

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From the Desk of Cantor Bruce Rockman



L'dor Vador presents The Josh Nelson Project April 28, 2013, at 4PM

The Claire and Irving Teicher Concert

Josh Nelson is one of the most popular performers and producers in modern Jewish music. A multi-instrumentalist and songwriter, Josh's music is celebrated and integrated into the repertoire of congregations, camps, and communities around the world. Delivering high-octane Jewish rock, the Josh Nelson Project comprises of five of the most talented performers in the United States. Each musician is young, Jewish, and a positive role model.

The Josh Nelson Project is our choice for L'dor Vador 2013. Josh's performance style is high-energy and captivating, and his music consistently leaves audiences with strong feelings of community.

Josh has performed more than one thousand shows in a variety of venues. Highlights include international conventions for each of the major youth movements in the USA.

Josh was selected as a 2011 [Presentense NYC](#) Fellow for his new venture, [THE WAREHOUSE](#), an alternative Shabbat experience for unaffiliated young Jews in major metropolitan areas.

Our L'dor Vador concerts are about our future, the future of the Jewish people, and our children's legacy. Over the next few months, as I venture to promote this concert, it will be among my goals to engage you in a conversation about our heritage.

Why is our heritage important? Please tell me what you think (cantor@bnaitikvah.org).

The Jewish people are unique; we have answered every challenge and every historical disaster with triumph. The State of Israel was established just 3 short years after the Holocaust.

We love music and celebrate our heritage as Craig Taubman taught us last year *"Song is an expression of the soul an expression of the heart and speaks louder than any words."*

Josh Nelson sings *"We are gifts, we are blessings, we are history in song....L'dor Vador.... we protect this chain and praise God's name."*

It would be good to know what it is we should be doing in order to protect the chain. The songs and our prayers are our motivators, our children are our motivation. We rarely fear for our personal safety as Jews in America because anti-Semitism is not a force in our lives, although we live in a world where it is clearly alive.

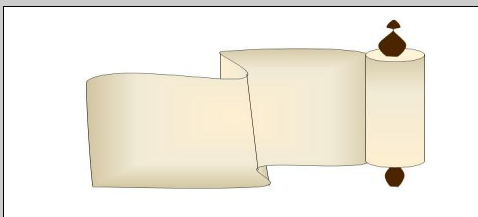
I usually avoid any negative reference in my writing, preferring to express my optimistic outlook on life. But I have to ask: We can feel safe now; will our children be as secure and will they care about being Jewish?

As Conservative Jews, we are about building a community that is intended to be balanced, secure religiously, and involved culturally. This is difficult, but it is what we try to do. The music of the Josh Nelson Project attempts to bridge the generation gap and speaks to a new generation of Jews. Let's find out what Josh Nelson has to say.

With Joy,
Cantor Bruce Rockman



Josh Nelson



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As a reminder, our Lock-In was rescheduled for March 9th. Mark your calendars for this exciting overnight in our Gym. Let's see who falls asleep first!

The inventory wasn't delivered to Feed The Children; we need to reschedule our event from December.

The Kadima members who came to our Jewish Jeopardy event had a great time. Some questions were very easy and some were just plain tricky. It was great seeing the kids work as a team! Congratulations to David Juro, Gillian Miller, & Josh Brown for being on the winning team!

Members who attended the Regional Roller Rama event had a great time seeing their Hagalil friends, skating around, & drinking a slushee.

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

January 20th – Bounce U in West Windsor.

January 26th – Regional Saturday Night Live in Metuchen.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 10th – Monster Mini Golf with the Marlboro Chapter, 314 Route 9 North, Marlboro from 2:30-4 pm. Come spend time w/ your Chapter & the Marlboro Chapter. The only cost to you is \$5 & we will pick up the remaining cost, which also includes 30 minutes in the arcade area. It also has vending machines so you may want to bring a few extra dollars. I can help arrange carpools if needed. RSVP by 2/5.

February 17th – Hamantaschen Baking starting at 12:30 pm. We will meet right after Religious School for lunch at 12 & then bake hamantaschens for our Purim Carnival. Maybe we can even sample a cookie?

February 24th – Our annual Purim Carnival.

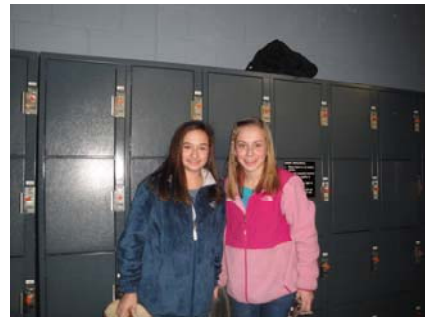
February 28th – Feed The Children, 1111 Corporate Blvd, North Brunswick. Please arrive promptly by 6 pm. For those of you who will be coming for the 1st time, I'll explain what we do. We will be packing food & hygiene kits in each box, on an assembly line, for distribution to needy families in the United States. Please wear comfortable shoes. At the end of the evening, you can get community hours if you need them. RSVP by 2/22.

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

Need-based scholarships are available to help with some of the costs for programs. Please contact Steve Juro at [732-960-1215](tel: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! If you need another application, just ask & it's always accepted.

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If your kids are giving you a headache, follow the directions on the aspirin bottle, especially the part that says, "keep away from children."

Susan Savannah



I can't believe it is already February! Our USYers have participated in so many terrific activities already this year with many more to come.

By the time you read this article...

USYers will have learned to wrap t'fillin while enjoying delicious wraps and listening to rap music at our very first (W)rap Night, danced all night at the Regional SA/TO Dance at Temple Beth El in East Windsor, and participated in a storewide scavenger hunt at our very own Supermarket Sweep at the Target in Milltown. As you can see, January was a very busy month for our USYers!

Friday, February 1st & Saturday, February 2nd – Regional Senior Shabbaton in Caldwell, NJ

This is a special Shabbaton just for seniors. Seniors will have a chance to share memories of their years in Kadima and USY and to begin to look forward to college and a little bit about what to expect. You can find the application online at www.hagalilusy.com/seniorshabbaton and the link for payment at www.hagalilusy.com/seniorshabbatonpayment

Monday, February 11th, 6:30-8pm – Multicultural Night – Youth Lounge

Join us and learn interesting and crazy things about Spanish, Japanese, Irish, Italian cultures and more! We will eat and learn our way through each of these cultures with good friends, scrumptious food, and funny facts! **Please RSVP via email by Friday, February 8th.**

Friday, February 15th-Sunday, February 17th – Regional Midwinter Convention in East Brunswick, NJ

The application can be found at www.hagalilusy.com/midwinter

Wednesday, February 20th, 6:30-8pm – Purim Planning & Pizza Party – Youth Lounge

USYers will help plan and decorate for B'nai Tikvah's Annual Purim Carnival and enjoy delicious pizza in the process! **Please RSVP via email by Monday, February 18th.**

Sunday, February 24th – B'nai Tikvah's Annual Purim Carnival

We're hoping that many USYers volunteer to help run BT's Annual Purim Carnival as only you know how! USYers can receive volunteer credit and a free meal voucher for the carnival!

Sneak Peek at March 2013!

Saturday, March 2nd – Regional Junior/Senior Prom – Aberdeen, NJ

Wednesday, March 6th – “Jews” Line is it Anyway? - 6:30-8pm – Youth Lounge

Friday, March 15th & Saturday, March 16th – USY Takes Over Shabbat – B'nai Tikvah

Thursday, March 21st – Pre-Pesach Pasta Dinner

ATTENTION USY PARENTS: Are you interested in hosting this dinner? Please contact Amanda Dillman at nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com and we can discuss details.

Keep an eye out for emails from nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com for updates on February's events and what we have coming up for March! If you do not currently receive these emails, please contact me at the above email and I will be happy to add you to the list!

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 available online at <http://www.bnaitikvah.org/usyform.html>

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February 10th from 12:30-2:30pm

Our Sofer will be returning to CBT! To have him scribe a letter with your family, please call or email Ruth Anne Koenick at 732-828-8141 or rakoenick@gmail.com

May 5th at 9:30am

We will dedicate our new Torah in a celebration that will be talked about for years to come! More information will be distributed shortly.

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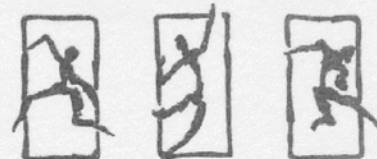
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We all want our children to grow up to be good people. We teach our children to be kind to one another and we teach by example. In light of all that has happened in the world around us, mitzvot have taken on a new meaning. We at the Religious School want to take "acts of kindness" and "pay it forward" to a new level. Brett Peters, a Chai graduate and artist, is designing a Mitzvah Tree. The tree will be in the Religious School entrance. Brett also is designing the leaves that the children will be able to place on the tree. Whenever your child does a mitzvah, take a leaf, write the mitzvah on it, sign your child's name, and tell us where on the tree your child would like it placed. By the end of the year, we hope our tree will be in full bloom.

An article about the new Torah and the collection of pennies by the Religious School will be featured in NJ Jewish News. The article is being written by Debra Rubin, its Bureau Chief. The article will be accompanied by pictures of the Chai students, who baked cookies and sold them to add that money to the Penny Jar. Please continue to send in your pennies.

Recently, our Aleph students received their Hebrew names at a wonderful ceremony on Sunday morning, January 6th. After the ceremony, everyone enjoyed a delicious brunch. The Religious School was able to sponsor this brunch due to the fundraising that is done. One of our fundraisers is beautiful greeting cards for all occasions. For \$3.00 we will send a card for any occasion. You will be able to choose what you would like the card to say. Better than Hallmark! This is an easy way to support the school. Continue to send in your box tops; this is another easy fundraiser.

The Purim Carnival will be held on Sunday, February 24th. The students will be brought into the gym at 11:30 a.m. The staff will remain with their classes until parents arrive. We will not be dismissing the students into the parking lot. Come into the gym to pick up your child and stay and enjoy the Purim Carnival.

FEBRUARY EVENTS

- February 10 Chai Breakfast- 10:00 a.m.
- February 17 President's Weekend (No School)
- February 18 Religious School Committee Meeting - 7:45 p.m.
- February 24 Purim Carnival-11:30 a.m.



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INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Asked of Irene Gelbhauer, B'nai Tikvah Teacher,
By Ann Ruth Nimberg

What can you tell me about yourself and your family?

I am attending Montclair University and hope to receive my Dr. of Audiology. My family came from Israel, lived in Lakewood, and currently reside in Miami.

Who has been the most influential in your life?

My parents have been the most influential people in my life. They taught me to do my best.

What do you like to do for fun?

I love to go to Miami and enjoy the beach.

If you were to make a list of the top ten things you would like to do in your life, what would be number one and why?

I would love to travel the world and experience all the beauty.

Why did you decide to become a Hebrew School teacher?

I like kids and wanted to work with them.

How long have you been teaching at CBT?

This is my first year at CBT.

Do you work in any other field?

I work as an audiologist.

THANK YOUNEEDY FAMILY PROGRAM A SUCCESS

This year, we sponsored nine needy families for the holiday. Of these families, two were homeless and recently rented an apartment; one has a terminally ill mother; one is a victim of Storm Sandy, and one has a toddler who is paralyzed from the lip down. Because of our efforts, a total of 39 people will enter the new year with basic things we all take for granted: winter coats, boots, clothing, blankets, pillows, dishes, silverware--and the list goes on and on.

The B'nai Tikvah community ALWAYS responds to calls for help and assistance. When asking for twin mattresses for two people who were sleeping on the floor, one congregant had a contact and was able to get new mattresses and box springs donated.

Other congregants had extra beds they offered to donate which were given to a mother and son who recently moved into an apartment from a shelter. The mother told the social worker that they are the best mattresses she has ever slept on and that she had been planning to buy an air mattress instead. She was so extremely grateful. Another congregant donated a dresser to this mother.

On December 19, six vans and a pick-up truck came to my home and loaded their vehicles with all the purchased goods.

Last year, I reported that the social worker told me that, as she was looking at all the gifts for a particular family at the beginning of the school year, she realized something: one of the boys was sharing one pair of uniform pants with his brother! So she used part of our donation to buy a second pair of pants. She stated that our gifts will make a significant difference in this family's daily life.

This year, as she was picking up the gifts for another family, she told me that the gifts we provided last year's family were **LIFE CHANGING**. Before our gifts, this family had basically nothing—blankets on a floor. She reported that the family is now doing well and what we provided helped begin a new life for them.

Our 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. It is extremely heartwarming to see our congregants' children who have participated in this program year after year grow and become sensitive to others in need. Seeing kids "get it"--making sure what they buy for the family is appropriate, needed, and of good quality--makes all the work of this program so very worthwhile.

A big thanks goes to Jennifer Shapiro for her support and commitment to the Needy Family Program.

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

Janice Baer

Pre-Kadima Roller Skating Get-Together

On Sunday, January 6, 2013, Pre-Kadima had its fourth successful event. We had close to twenty children in attendance at the Kendall Park Roller Rink. Kids and parents alike enjoyed skating together, some first-timers and others more seasoned skaters. Either way, there were ruddy smiling faces all around.

We will be having our next event soon- - stay tuned! And please mark your calendars so you are able to attend the Purim Carnival on Sunday, February 24th.

MENSCH AWARDS

K-1-Haley Kozody
Grade 2-Delia Kremer
Aleph- Sam Manson and Tori Cohen
Bet -Maya Blackin
Gimmel-Jordan Woller
Dalet-Bradley Allen
Hei - Melissa Oksman

Men's Club

Sunday, March 3rd at 10am

Please join us to welcome Dr. Ragui Sadek from the Advanced Surgical & Bariatrics NJ, PA, when he will discuss the importance of weight control and the latest surgical methods used today.



Dr. Ragui Sadek's career has been one of significant experience and distinction. Dr. Sadek is a premier surgeon in the New York and New Jersey area. A Clinical Assistant Professor of surgery at RWJ Medical School and leading the bariatric surgery program at RWJ University Hospital, Dr. Sadek has established a state-of-the-art and one of the safest bariatric surgery programs in the state. His program has a complication rate below the national average and providing cutting edge variety of laparoscopic and bariatric surgery techniques.

Dr. Sadek initiated the Bariatric Surgery program at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital where, prior to his arrival, weight loss surgery was not being performed. He is now the senior-most minimally invasive and bariatric surgeon. Dr. Sadek assumed a leadership role as the Director of Bariatric Surgery and oversees all of the care rendered to the hospital's bariatric patients, including anesthesia, radiology, floor and perioperative nursing, and myriad consulting services.

Dr. Sadek has completed his residency and an advanced laparoscopic and bariatric surgery fellowship at SIUH. Later, he went on to finish a surgical critical care and trauma fellowship at UMDNJ Newark campus.

Dr. Sadek joined a private practice in 2006 and performed a wide variety of advanced laparoscopic and bariatric procedures. More than two thousand advanced surgical procedures later, he established a strong patient satisfaction rate and a solid reputation among the surgical community.

In 2009, Dr. Sadek established, directed and created from the ground up, one of the most successful and safe bariatric surgery programs at RWJ University Hospital, with a rate of morbidity and mortality below the national average with zero % leaks and deaths.

Some of Dr. Sadek's achievements:

1. Serving as the head of Bariatric Surgery program at RWJ
2. The first surgeon in NJ to perform N.O.T.E.S (Natural Orifice Surgery) for acid reflux treatment.
3. Established and started the laparoscopic inguinal hernia program at University of Pennsylvania
4. Serves as the Laparoscopic Inguinal Hernia Consultant for Covidien
5. Serves as a consultant and presenter for ENDO Gastric Solutions for NOTES
6. Teaching excellence award from SIUH 2004
7. America's top surgeons for 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012
8. Patient's choice AWARDS. 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012
9. International presentation at the world congress of endoscopic and laparoscopic surgery in YOKOHAMA, Japan.
10. Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, Society of the American Gastro Endoscopic Surgeons and the American Society of Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery.

Starting Sunday evening, April 7th. Yom Hashoah Holocaust Remembrance Day. Please continue to support this important program. More details to follow...



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Sunday, February 24th, 11AM:

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Saturday, March 30th, 8:10 PM

Please join us for Passover Poker.

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. Sisterhood would love to welcome you.

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These items can be brought to any Sisterhood meeting/event or contact Caroline Scharf (732-735-1345) to arrange a convenient collection time. Thanks 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: macysmomm@aol.com or 732-329-0687

Mazel Tosses - Enhance the simcha of your child's special day by having Sisterhood make up soft candy filled bags to sweeten the day! Also great for an ufruf. Contact Joyce Gerbman: Gerbsfam@aol.com or 732-937-5114.

Mahjong Cards – Please look for the Mahjong card order form on this Hakol. Prices remain the same, which is \$8.00 for large cards and \$7.00 for standard. Forms will be due January 25, 2013. Contact Fern Katronetsky at 732-422-4321 if you have any questions.

Purim Baskets – Order your Purim Baskets by February 8th, 2013. Any questions please call Andrea Katz, 732-329-0687. Basket can be picket up on Sunday, February 24th at 11:15 am during Passover Wine Tasting.

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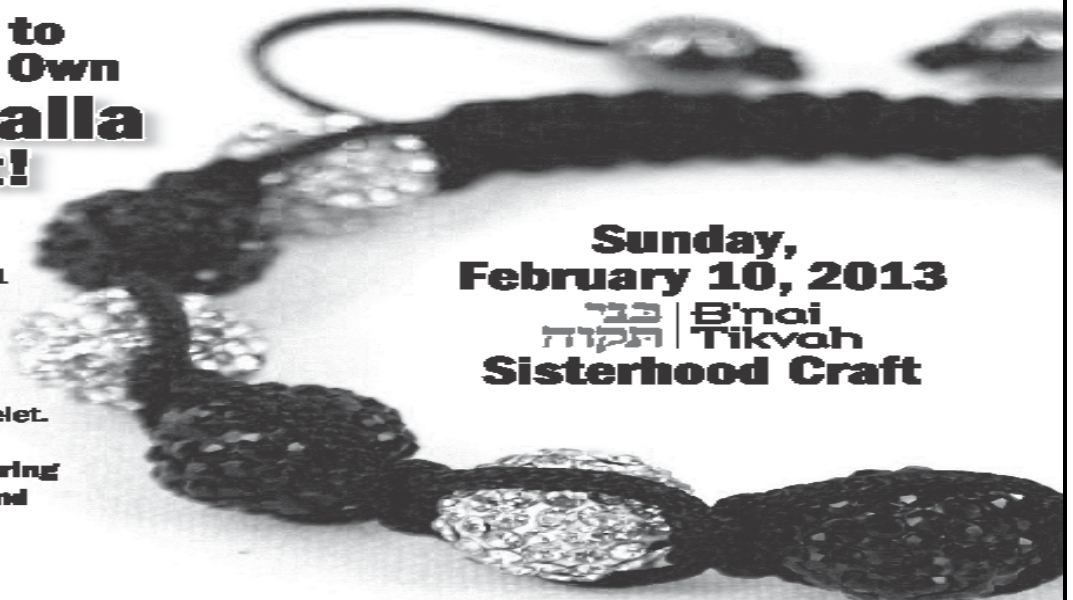
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This year, we celebrate Ina Horn's 20th year teaching Pre-K at the JCC of North and South Brunswick Nursery School. So many Bnai Tikvah children have had Mrs. Horn as their teacher and have seen what a difference she has made in their lives!

We are making a special memory book for her. For a cost of \$10.00 for a full page, you can send in an ad, favorite photo, drawing, poem, or any type of special tribute to Mrs. Horn. It can be emailed to nursery@bnaitikvah.org, snail mailed, or brought in to the nursery or shul office. Photos that are mailed will be scanned and returned to you. Shhhhhh, this is a special surprise for her!!

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We are able to accommodate working parents by having 5 full-day programs for ages 2 ½ through 5 and early/late stay hours, starting from 7:30 AM until 6:30 PM.

Our Toddler Fun Club class has openings. This is a parent, caregiver/child separation program for ages 24 to 30 months old. It is a mini-version of our nursery program. The class runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9:00 AM-10:30 AM.

Our winter/spring **My Kid and & Me FREE** program still has a few openings. Don't miss out! The class runs on Tuesdays, from 10:45 AM to 11:45. If you have (or know anyone with) a child, grandchild, niece or nephew 12-24 months and is looking for socialization for their children and for themselves, please contact us about our wonderful My Kid & Me class.

During winter break, we had "JCC Fun Day" at our school. We had a wonderful interactive concert featuring Mr. Z. The program was attended by more than 30 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!

Class pictures will be taken Monday, February 4th.

Pajama Time with Dad will take place, Wednesday, February 6th, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM.



In preparation for Purim, the children in all classes will be baking their own hamantaschen, making groggers, and preparing Mishloach Manot baskets to bring home to their families.

Purim is celebrated Saturday night, February 23rd, and Sunday, February 24th. On Monday, February 25th, Shushan Purim, we all will dress in costumes.

Each class will attend our Purim carnival according to a set schedule, to be announced. Each class will partake in games, face painting, arts and crafts, and our bounce house! Those students who do not usually attend school on Mondays are invited to come to the carnival - - accompanied by an adult.

Don't forget to check out our photo album on our website to see our children in action!

On Wednesday, February 27th, all children will be served a yummy healthy breakfast while wearing their pajamas in school!

Save The Date!!

**Wednesday, March 13th
6:30 PM to 8:00 PM**

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

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We would also like to thank Sherry Valan for continuing to help in the office.

A special thank you to Susan Shapiro for her beautiful calligraphy for the B'nai Mitzvah and Baby Naming certificates and Jay Scheuer for his amazing prayer book repairs.

From the President



A gift of Time

In January, I reported for Jury Duty as summoned. In previous times, I was either easily excused for valid reasons or just fortunate not to be assigned to a case.

This time was different. I was chosen early to be on a case that was estimated to take about three weeks. There seemed to be a large enough pool of potential jurors but, I was among the first selected to sit in the jury box.

The selection process was into its 2nd day and I was, unknowingly at the time, joined by another B'nai Tikvah congregant. The congregant pointed this out to the judge and after, conferring with both of us, concurred that neither of us would be influenced by the other and we would both remain on the jury. A short while later, one of the defense attorneys apparently disagreed and excused the other congregant.

Now I was sure my fate was sealed and, if the jury selection process was any indication, I would be obligated to serve for three weeks and perhaps longer. But then, about an hour later, another attorney said "dismiss juror #12" [me] without any explanation, according to procedure.

Although I couldn't help but feel insulted for a very brief moment, I suddenly felt as though I was given three extra weeks of life to do with as I please. I hadn't felt this way since the day I was discharged from the Army.

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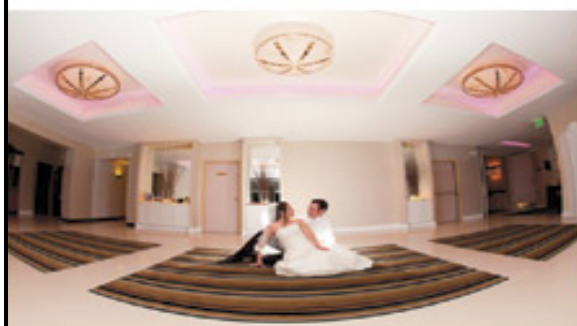
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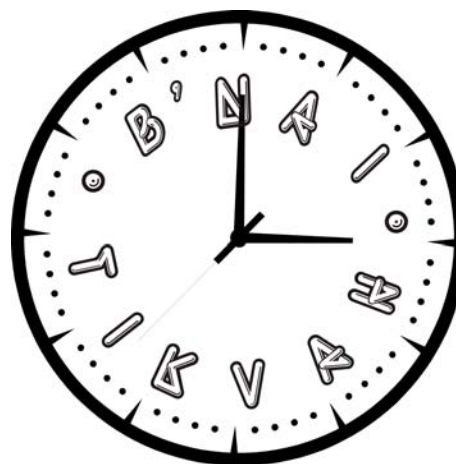
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ANOTHER VIEWPOINT

Aaron Rosloff

Respect



Respect for parents is to me as natural as eating and sleeping. There can be disagreements and disappointments and even misunderstandings, but should never be at the cost of disrespect. Certainly, I never saw disrespect in my home growing up. To me it was totally alien.

When I was about 19 years old and before Mili began to take me seriously, I was introduced to a girl who was the daughter of one of my father's lanzman. The families had been friends since Europe before WWII and so I was made welcome in their home. The girl, whose name escapes me, was a natural blond, as was her younger sister, with light blue eyes and skin like milk. A natural knockout.

She introduced me to her friends who were a bit older than me and somewhat more sophisticated, which made me a bit uncomfortable, but not enough to turn me off. Home telephones were still not common in those days, and neither of us had one. But what was usually done was to simply knock on the door and say hello. Although I was much welcomed by the family due to the long-standing relationship with my parents, I was never sure how I stood with their daughters.

The relationship with their older daughter had never matured further than attending a few house parties with her friends, when one evening I went over to visit. A few months after we had met we sat in conversation, her father came over to ask her something and she showed her annoyance with his intrusion. I can still remember how in that moment I was turned off in an instant. I went cold. I had never seen anyone of my generation speak so disrespectfully to a parent. I left and never went back.

I saw her again about ten years later. It was after the war (WWII), and Mili and I had been married and by that time had children. It was at a dinner dance fundraiser run by my father's Jewish Society. As I danced on the floor with Mili, the blond passed nearby and we locked eyes and waved to each other. I was never happier. Here I was dancing with the love of my life; Mili was still blossoming and the other was beginning to show signs of fading in her appearance.

When I thought of the respectful and loving relationship that Mili had with her parents and with mine, and that we had with each other, it was like a renewal of my life with life.

The degree of respect that one shows for another; friend, family, or stranger, is to me a scale on which to measure the nature of another's character.

Show me a little respect and I'll give you a lot. Show me none and I'll give you snot. It's not Longfellow, but that's how I feel about it.

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