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Yom Hashoah - 5773 Monday Evening April 8th at 7:30 PM



Remembering the Forgotten A Spiritual Journey

with
Lauren Wistreich



North Brunswick High School Senior and
Hagalil USY Regional Vice-President

Lauren will recount how USY Israel Pilgrimage and her travels through Eastern Europe exposed her to the history and contemporary realities of Judaism and Israel.

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A Message From Rabbi Robert Wolkoff



The holidays of Purim and Passover always occur within one month of each other. The link between them, though, is far deeper than a mere chronological coincidence. Purim is the holiday *par excellence* of exile. Passover is the supreme expression of liberation from exile. They commemorate events that happened thousands of years ago, but understanding the contrast between them will help us understand a great deal about the realities of our life today.

On Purim, we read the Megillah of Esther, one of the most remarkable books in the Tanach, the Hebrew Bible. The name of G-d never appears in Esther. Nor is there any mention of divine intervention or miracles. To the contrary, the book of Esther goes out of its way to paint a picture of a world where the vagaries of human beings—corrupt ones at that—rule the world. One tradition which underscores this is that each column of the Megillah begins with the Hebrew word “*hamelech*”—“the king”—referring here not to the King of Kings but rather to the drunken buffoon Achashverosh.

If one wants to find G-d in Esther, one must read between the lines. One must search for a “*nes nistar*,” a hidden miracle. (There is even a theory that Esther’s name is related to the concept of “hiddenness,” *ester*—*nistar*.) Such a miracle can, perhaps, be seen in the unexpected turns of events and reversals of fortune which are a repeated theme in the book. The most famous of these is, of course, the fact that Haman—may his name be blotted out—was hanged on the very gallows he had built for Mordechai.

Yes, a miraculous salvation did indeed occur—but it is somehow a less-than-satisfying miracle (which perhaps accounts for the remarkable tradition that one should get drunk in celebration of the holiday of Purim). To be brought to the brink of extermination, only to be saved by an unexpected and not blatantly obvious miracle, hardly inspires confidence. And considering the tragic experiences our people have suffered since that time - - in which the “*nisim nistarim*,” the “hidden miracles,” if there were any, remain even now hidden from view - -

the story of our miraculous salvation in a decidedly non-miraculous world of exile provides cool comfort at best.

How different, then, the story of Passover. The name of G-d appears throughout this story, to the point where the name of Moses never even appears in the Haggadah. The story of the Exodus is one of repeated miracles—indeed, one extended miracle. The message of Pesach is precisely that human kings do *not* rule the world. Justice, we learn, is not a fortuitous coincidence. Rather, it is the way in which the world is made to conform to the very character of G-d.

The contrast between Purim and Pesach should have a special poignancy for us today. There is in America a sense of profound disappointment with all of our governmental and public institutions. The world throws up its hands in frustration at the situation in Syria, Mali, Afghanistan, and a dozen other places. North Korea tests a nuke while its people starve. And here at home, kids still get killed because we just can’t figure out how to keep guns out of the hands of other kids. Seems like getting to the moon was easier.

For there to be justice in such a world would truly need a miracle!!

And thus the Pesach message of liberation is liberating indeed. In spite of everything, our tradition tells us, there can and will be justice. This year, as the Haggadah says, we are slaves—slaves to our personal limitations, slaves to the limitations of our society, slaves to the corruption of our spiritual lives. Next year, though, we tell ourselves, as our ancestors have year after year, century after century through the millennia, next year—we will be free. If it is true, as Alexander Pope said, that “hope springs eternal in the human breast,” we can say with confidence that it was the Pesach story of the liberation from slavery which placed that hope within us.

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From the Desk of Cantor Bruce Rockman



We thank God for the Torah. Why is our heritage important? Please tell me what you think (cantor@bnaitikvah.org). Whether you answer this question from a spiritual or cultural perspective, or a combination of both I think you would agree that there are only correct answers.

As Jews in America we twist ourselves into pretzels trying to fit our circular lives into a box of cultural expectations. No one is judging you but I often wonder what you thinking about. And in particular what does it mean for you to be Jewish living here. Although these two examples can co-exist, do you feel closest to God when you are here praying or when you are hiking? Do you wish you could live a more observant lifestyle? Life cycle events can be tricky, do you feel God's presence more at a baby naming or a funeral? What about Judaism excites you has a Jewish event ever left you feeling as exhilarated as when your team has won the big game?

The Torah is central to our lives and is the basis of Jewish communal life. This has been our year of the Torah at B'nai Tikvah. The Torah is the most cohesive collection of God's words; we are transcribing this Torah together, letter by letter. God's Torah has been our wondrous spiritual connection for thousands of years, from generations to generations of Jews, now and always.

We are taught to take upon ourselves a great responsibility; the Jewish people are the transmitters of this grand tradition and it is incumbent upon us to understand the words and the 613 mitzvot. The lessons of the Torah bring to light the ultimate good that we attempt to attain from an adherence to the way of life of Torah. And we recognize that we are accountable to teach these principles to our children.

Holidays and lifecycle events are a great part of our meaningful Jewish lives. TikunOlam and caring for the environment are central to our understanding of God's word. Learning is paramount. How do we accomplish all of this? We create synagogues, community centers, schools with intelligent teachers and loving Jewish homes, where we gather, pray and play, learn and explore, sing and dance, eat and celebrate. The more knowledgeable we become, the more engaged we become, the more we will experience a meaningful Jewish life.

Save the Date: Sunday April 28th at 4PM L'dor Vador will culminate a wonderful month of events. L'dor Vador is a B'nai Tikvah tradition. Our goal this year as in the past is an extraordinary, deep, touching, and genuine Jewish experience. Josh Nelson is known for his incredible musical talent and charisma that appeals to a wide range of personalities and ages. Josh's infectious spirit and contemporary sound will fill B'nai Tikvah, where we will dance, sing and rejoice!

Save the Date: Tuesday April 8th at 7:30 PM Lauren Wistreich, North Brunswick High School senior and USY regional vice-president will present a special multi-media Yom Hashoah program, "Remembering the Forgotten, A Spiritual Journey". Lauren will recount how USY Israel Pilgrimage and her travels through Eastern Europe exposed her to the history and contemporary realities of Judaism and Israel.

Save the Date: Friday April 16th at 7:30 PM
Celebrate Israel's Independence Day with The Sons of Tikvah Band. Sing & Dance & sample Israeli food and delicacies!

Save the Date
Friday evening April 19th Mama Doni is Back!
Join Bobbi & Marc as we welcome Mama Doni at 6:00 for a Family Shabbat Acoustic Concert and Service. Following the concert you can join us for Shabbat Dinner (price to be determined). Our Bet Students will lead the regular Friday night Shabbat service at 8:00PM



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All B'nai Tikvah families welcome along with
Religious School parents, grandparents
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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL MODEL PASSOVER SEDER

Sunday, March 17TH at 10:00am
In the Social Hall

Passover is a perfect time to honor loved ones and celebrate family traditions. Please consider making a donation for this special event. A program will be distributed at the Seder with tributes and the names of all donors.

Suggested donation: \$18 per family

Please make checks payable to B'nai Tikvah Religious School and submit the form below by Sunday, February 24th to Terez in the Religious School office or email her with any questions at School@bnaitikvah.org.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 20 - 9 PM

Food, wine, beer and dessert to be included

Top Prize \$1,000 Gift Card
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Play: 9pm - 1:00 am - 8:30 doors open
 Prepay - \$100 / per seat, by Wednesday, April 17
**April 1st - Don't Be a Fool,
 Ante Up and Register Early to get an extra \$1500 in chips**



Jordana Andersen
KADIMA Advisor



The year is flying by so fast, only 4 more months of fun filled Kadima events!

Congratulations to Rachel Blackin, who has attended 10 events so far this year! She is going to receive a reward from our Incentive Program at our Closing Event. For every 10 events you attend, including Chapter & Regional it goes toward a reward. You can receive multiple rewards. Many of you are close to winning your 1st also.

Our Bounce U event was a lot of fun especially since we included Pre-Kadima. 90 minutes of bouncing, where else can we get out some of our energy in the winter months?

The Regional event, Saturday Night Live was a lot of fun for those who attended. It is always a blast seeing our Hagalil friends from all over.

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

February 10th – Monster Mini Golf with the Marlboro Chapter

February 17th – Hamantaschen Baking for our Purim Carnival

February 24th – Our annual Purim Carnival

February 28th – Feed The Children

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 4th – Movie Night in our Youth Lounge from 6:30-8:30 pm. Snacks will be served. RSVP by 2/28.

March 9th - Annual Lock-In, drop off will be at 7:30 pm & pick up by 9:00 am. For those who attend Hebrew School, I will make sure the kids get to their classrooms. Snacks & breakfast will be served. If you have a friend in another Kadima Chapter or a Jewish friend who would be interested in joining our Chapter, you are welcome to invite them. Their parents will need to fill out an Emergency Form that I can provide and the cost for them is \$10. The cost for our Chapter is only \$5. You will need to bring a sleeping bag, pillow, & comfortable clothes to sleep in. Don't forget a toothbrush & toothpaste. RSVP by 3/3.

March 15th-17th – Regional Spring Convention for those who are attending.

March 21st – Chocolate Seder with Mr. Mike the Chocolate Guy in the Youth Lounge from 6:30-8:30 pm. The cost to you is only \$5 & the Youth committee will pick up all remaining costs. RSVP by 3/17.

All communication beside 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 accepted.

Jordana Andersen [\(732\) 422-7457](tel:732-422-7457)
btkadima@gmail.com





Amanda Dillman
USY Advisor

We have a lot of fun coming up this March! And our USYers have already done so much!

By the time you read this article...

Our Seniors will have had a great time at the Senior Shabbaton catching up with friends and enjoying a special weekend just for them! NSBUSYers had a FANTASTIC time travelling the world this past month. They ate Irish Soda bread, plantains, sushi and had a true "English Tea" complete with finger sandwiches and much, much more when they experienced seven different countries in 1 night for "USY Travels the World Night!"

March 2013

Saturday, March 2nd – Regional Jr./Sr. Prom – Aberdeen, NJ

Please check your emails for details regarding a possible bus.

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

Join us for our first ever Improv Night. We'll borrow some ideas from the famous "Whose Line" TV show and will also be featuring some Regional favorites! This night promises to be lots of fun and will certainly be a good laugh! We will be providing snacks. There is no cost for this event.

Please RSVP via email by Monday, March 4th.

Friday, March 15th-Saturday, March 16th – USY Takes Over Shabbat!

For the 2nd year in a row, our NSBUSYers will be running the show for both Friday evening and Saturday morning/afternoon services. USYers & their parents are invited to Friday night dinner before services. Additionally, we will have a lunch & learn for USYers after Saturday morning services and games to play in between shacharit and mincha/ma'ariv. Details to follow via email. Please contact nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com if you wish to participate.

Thursday, March 21st Pre-Pesach Pasta Dinner

Details TBD! Please check your email

Sneak Peek at April 2013!

Wednesday, April 10th – It's YOUR Birthday! – Youth Lounge @ BT

Monday, April 22nd – Murder Mystery Night – Youth Lounge @ BT

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 below 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>

Amanda Dillman
nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com

SUPPORT USY FUNDRAISER

Hoops for Hurricane Sandy Relief

When: Sunday, March 10th ; 1:00 - 4:00pm
 Check-In - 12:30-1:00pm

Location: B'nai Tikvah, gym entrance, 1001 Finnegans Lane, North Brunswick

Rules: 3 vs. 3 Tournament

Half court, 1's and 2's; Must take ball back past the 3 pt. line after missed shot to clear it. Games at 10 minutes or first to 11 points, win by 2. Referees provided.

Want to play ball, but no team? Register and we will get a team for you.
 Can't play? Sponsor us and cheer us on. Spectators welcome.

Entry fee: \$18 pp or \$54 per team (Tear-off at bottom of flyer.)

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All participants receive community service and should bring the appropriate forms.

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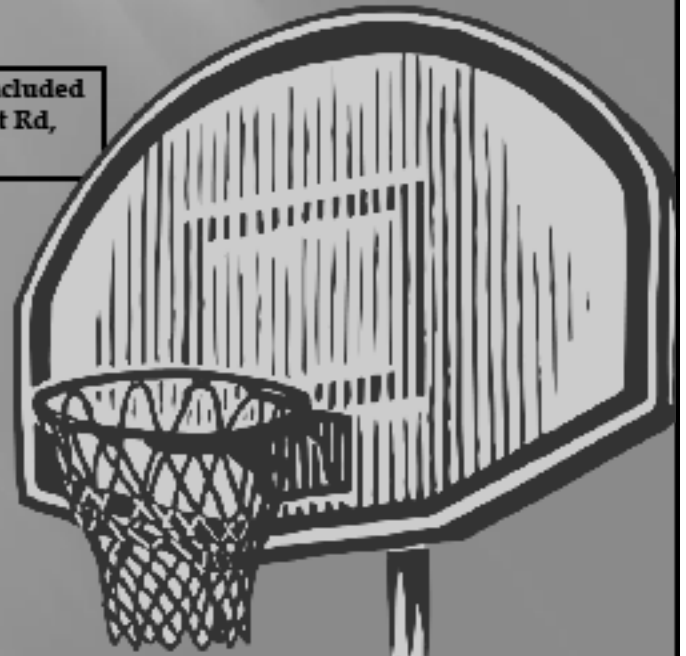
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Name of Team/Players: _____

Chapter: _____

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Congregation B'nai Tikvah Religious School

Ann Ruth Nimberg
Religious School Principal



The Religious School has been working hard to make sure all of our students have a positive educational experience and we have made changes. By placing added teaching emphasis and skills where most needed and by rearranging seating assignments within the classroom we hope to improve student interest and keep all students in a class at the same level. Elisa Kirsch will be working with Mrs. Edley in the Aleph class on Sundays and Wednesdays. Shortly, Heather Goldschmitt, the resource room teacher, will be working with the Toranim. We hope to hold workshops for the Toranim in September. This will be beneficial to both the Toranim and the students.

THE MODEL SEDER IS COMING. We are inviting Religious School families, parents, grandparents, and Nursery School families to the Model Seder which will be held on Sunday, March 17th in the Ballroom. It is the perfect time to celebrate family traditions and honor loved ones. A program will be distributed at the Seder with the names of all the donors. Check out the flyer in this edition of Hakol. Make all checks payable to B'nai Tikvah Religious School. Join us on Saturday evening, March 16th, after Shabbat to help us prepare for the Seder. It is a delightful way to spend an evening.

On Sunday, March 3rd, the Rabbi will be having a discussion with the Dalet parents. The discussion will take place at 10:00 a.m. in the gym.

The Bet Family Education Program will be held on Sunday, March 10th at 9:30 a.m., in the gym. Each of the students and their families will be making a beautiful Seder Plate. This plate will be a wonderful addition to a Passover Seder table. The Chai Breakfast with the Rabbi will also be on Sunday, March 10th at 10:00 a.m., in the gym. Parents are invited to join from 10:00a.m -10:30 a.m.

Check out the Religious School Mitzvah Tree designed by Brett Peters. We are asking that all our Religious School students write their mitzvot on beautiful leaves. The children can pick the color of their leaves and where on the tree they wish their leaves to be placed.

Thank you to the Sofer for doing two wonderful programs for the Religious School. It was Torah Storytelling Time in the Aleph class. The Chai students learned how to be a Sofer.

Please continue to send in box tops, tzedakah, and pennies for the Penny Jar.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH.

Dates To Remember

- March 3 Rabbi 's Discussion with the Dalet Parents
- March 10 Bet Family Education, Chai Breakfast
- March 17 Model Seder
- March 24- 31 Spring Break (No School)

INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Asked of Rachel Ullman – Grade Two Teacher
By Ann Ruth Nimberg

What can you tell me about yourself and your family?

I have two younger brothers. I grew up living in Livingston, New Jersey.

Who has been the most influential in your life?

My Mom, who is very supportive. I am the only girl in the family.

What do you like to do for fun?

I like to swim, paint, and dance.

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 want to make aliyah. Israel is home to me and I want to be there.

If you were stranded on a desert island, what would be your two "must have" items?

I would want chocolate and a book.

How long have you been teaching at CBT?

This is my first year at CBT.

MENSCH AWARDS

k-1	Max Manson
grade 2	Jenna Kozodoy
aleph	Rebecca Smoller
	Lauren Melcer
bet	Benjamin Hudes
gimmel	Mason Smoller
dalet	Jenna Kilcoyne
hei	Rachel Watman

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FAMILY SHABBAT DINNER SERVICE
MARCH 15, 2013 6PM – Multi-Purpose Room
 Services begin at 7pm
RSVP a must by March 8, 2013
NOTE EARLY RSVP – CATERER DINNER!!!!

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From the President



The dedicated people working on the Torah committee have informed me that the costs of acquiring our new Torah and repairing of the others has recently been totally covered by those congregants who are always there to support our Jewish community.

The participation of our congregants in our Adult Education programs is higher than usual, the attendance of our Art Auction exceeded all expectations, and the responses to the Beach Party invitations, so far, is nearing capacity.

The people working on the Torah Committee, however, are holding out for a goal never before achieved at B'nai Tikvah. And that is "100% participation". We've never achieved 100% of anything but, here we're hoping for a shot at it.

Reaching this goal is not about the dollar amount, as we've already achieved that. It's about partaking in a Mitzvah by everyone in our B'nai Tikvah community.

Gary Bergman

Men's Club

Change in plans.

Sunday, March 3rd at 10am.

We will be boxing the balance of our Yom Hashoah candles. Please support this important program. We would appreciate your help. All volunteers are welcome.

Traditional bagels and lox breakfast will be served.

Yom Hashoah begins on the evening of Sunday, April 7th and ends the evening of Monday, April 8th. Please contact Steve Katz with questions at skatz56@aol.com

World Wide Wrap held on Sunday, February 3rd.

Another great year led by Rabbi Wolkoff.

A special thank you to our Sunday morning regulars who assisted our new wrappers.

Please look for details about a future Men's Club sponsored event to either the Somerset Patriots or Trenton Thunder.

Steven Katz

skatz56@aol.com



World Wide Wrap

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Sunday, March 10th

USY Fundraiser

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1 - 4pm

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Save the Date



Thursday, March 14th: Please join us at 8 pm for a Book Review of "The Lost Wife," by Alyson Richman. Refreshments served. Any questions please contact lorisookerman@comcast.net. We look forward to seeing you then!

Saturday, March 30th: Please join us at 8:15 PM for Passover Poker. See our ad in this Hakol.

Thursday, April 11th: Is Hebrew School a blur? Feel like you need a refresher course in the basics? Then Sisterhood has the program for you. Join us for our class on Thursday, April 11, at 8pm. Please submit a question with your RSVP to jillfeisner@hotmail.com by April 5.

Passover Wine Sale – Deadline for orders is **Thursday, March 7th**.

Please visit the BT website for the order form at <http://www.bnaitikvah.org/winesale.html> for information on the Passover Wine sale. A list of our Passover Wines for sale can be found at <http://bnaitikvah.org/winesale.pdf>. Please mail order forms to Andrea Katz or leave in the Sisterhood box. For more information please contact Andrea Katz: macysmomm@aol.com or 732-329-0687.

Passover Wine pick up will be at the Gift Shop at the following times: Sunday, March 17th – 9AM-12PM; Tuesday, March 19th – 6:30 - 7:45 PM; Wednesday, March 20th – 4:15 -7:30 PM.

Passover Flower Sale – Flowers for Passover are \$26.00 for each centerpiece and come in spring colors or white. Please order by Thursday, March 21st. Look for the order form in this edition of Hakol.

Gift Shop – Store Hours: Wednesday 4PM-6:15PM, Sunday 9AM-12PM, or by appointment. Call Serena Blackin at 732-390-9515.

March Special: 20% off all games (excludes bananagrams)
50% off all clearance items

Have a March Birthday? Take 10% of one item.

March 25th is the first Seder - come to the gift shop for all Passover items, including afikomen and hostess gifts.

Social Action - For the month of March, we are collecting the following items for the Ronald McDonald House in New Brunswick:

Gift Cards - Visa/MC/Amex, Target, Shop-Rite, Stop & Shop, Babies R Us, BB&B, Costco

Baby Diapers - Size 3

Individual snack pack of cookies, 100-calorie packs, chips, veggie stix, trail mix

single serving cereal packs

small candy bars

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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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WEBMASTER

A New Place for our Community

By Kim Riemann



I always think of the synagogue as a place where we, as a community, gather. We gather to pray, to learn, and to have fun. (Hoping to see you all at our Beach Party and, later this month, at Sisterhood's Passover Poker). We gather and share our lives in the sanctuary, the Kiddush room, in the hallways, and sometimes even in the parking lot.

Now we have another place to gather, a virtual place, where we can share our thoughts, our likes, and comments with each other without leaving the comfort of our homes (or, for many, wherever their smart phones take them). Yes, I'm talking about the synagogue's new Facebook page.

Feel free to pour yourself some coffee (or some wine, or some Canadian whiskey), and visit us at [facebook.com/BnaiTivkah](https://www.facebook.com/BnaiTivkah).

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Mazel Tov!! We are so excited! Hatchlings from Quiver Farms were delivered to our school. The eggs stayed in an incubator and hatched within a week's time. Ten out of twelve hatched. We had to teach the hatchlings how to drink and eat. All the children and staff who wanted to pet them got a chance to. Then the baby chicks were picked up and taken back to the farm. Children and their parents learned about and observed this fascinating event.

REGISTRATION IS GOING ON NOW FOR ALL OUR SCHOOL AND CAMP PROGRAMS!

Early Bird Specials end Wednesday, March 13th.

We are working on our yearbook for the Class of 2013. Ad blanks are available. Please support our school by placing an ad from your place of business (or businesses that you deal with) or an ad honoring past or future graduates.

We will host a spring food drive to benefit M.C.F.O.O.D.S. from February 28th through March 5th. Bins will be placed outside each classroom. Please do not send in any perishable or glass items. M.C.F.O.O.D.S. is Middlesex County's Emergency Food Distribution Network that serves more than 70 local food pantries and soup kitchens.

On March 6th, we are celebrating Mrs. Ina Horn's 20 years of devotion to our school and to her many students. She has touched so many lives. A dinner catered by Classical Caterers is being given in her honor by the Nursery school staff (past and present), PAC chairs, representatives from Bnai Tikvah family, and friends. Thank you to all who contributed photos and words that were placed in a special memory book for Mrs. Horn. Mrs. Horn celebrated with her husband, Gerry, and their four grown children and friends. We are honored to have such a caring and special person on our staff.

Save The Date!!

Wednesday, March 13th, from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
Open House/Family Art Night
Wine and Cheese will be served (sparkling juice and cheese crackers!)

A "Vintage" photographer will be coming to our school on March 13th! Costumes are available from infant to adult sizes. Open to Nursery, Religious School, and Bnai Tikvah families! Couples, families, siblings!

Book an appointment now with a \$10.00 sitting fee and receive a free 10X13 portrait. There is no obligation to buy any more photos. If you would like to order any additional photos, they will be available at an additional cost.

There are time slots still available at 10 minute intervals from 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM on March 13th.

Please fill out the coupon 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. For further information, please call 732-297-0295 or email us at nursery@bnaitikvah.org

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

Each class will have its own seder. Projects are being done to enhance the seders. Parents are invited. Save the dates! All classes will have their seders on Monday, March 18th. Invitations will be sent home. Those students who usually do not attend school on Mondays also are invited (along with their parents) to join the class for their Passover seder.

School will be closed for Pesach vacation from Friday, March 22nd, through Tuesday, April 2nd. Classes will resume on Wednesday, April 3rd.

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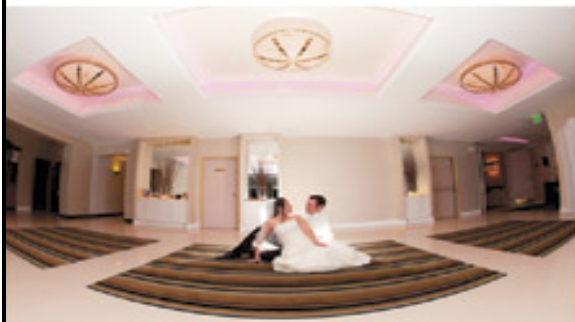
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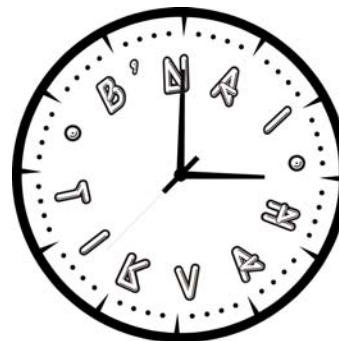
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ANOTHER VIEWPOINT

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Your Credit Card



Going over my credit card statement, I found an item marked Lego for \$107.74 from a company named Shop at Home dated 12/15/12. My calendar showed that the date was on a Saturday. I had no recollection of making a call to a company named Shop at Home, especially not on a Saturday. And for Legos? It's been a long time since I played with Legos. With my children grown and their children grown and my great-grandchildren living in Israel, what would I be doing with Legos? To tell the truth, I would enjoy playing with kids building with Legos but with none available, even in my diminishing mental state, I know that I didn't order Legos by phone.

So I called the phone number listed next to the item and they said they would put a trace on it but it would be best to call the credit card company, which I did. I explained my concern and they said they would cancel my credit card and issue me a new one as apparently someone was using my card information.

This reminded me of an occurrence about 15 years ago in a diner in Queens, NY. It was after a funeral, and I stopped at the diner with a cousin to talk and reminisce. After the lunch, I gave my card to the waitress to pay the check and she returned it as we were ready to leave the table. As intent as I was on the conversation, I just glanced at the card as I was returning it to my wallet. But it didn't seem just right. At second look, I saw that it was not my card. Assuming that it was a mistake, I took it up to the cashier and said that there must have been a mistake as this was not my card. She reached under the register and,

with a smirk, returned my card. It was a racket. The waitress, seeing me in intense conversation, assumed that I would not realize that it was not my card until I was long gone.

Obviously, I was upset. Should I call the cops or just be glad I got my card back? I took the coward's way out. I suppose that if it happened in a local restaurant I would have reported it to the police, but in a strange neighborhood in the strange borough of Queens, in the city of New York, in the State of New York, I was just glad to get out undamaged.

Since that time, I am very careful about checking my statement and almost never buy anything by phone as I have no idea who is taking this information and may be passing it on to a confidante.

I have had to have my card cancelled and replaced at least four times in the last five years. It's almost like before I memorize my card number, I have to get a new one. To protect my card, instead of signing the back, I write "ask for ID." Hardly anyone looks at the back of my card, but at least it is some protection.

Forgetting that the card in my wallet had been cancelled, I was shocked and embarrassed when the machine at the market rejected my card as invalid, so I paid with my debit card, which I almost never use.

I'm sharing this story as a warning: to be careful who you give the card to; make sure that it is your own when it is returned; check every item on your statement before you pay it.

That said, I do wish that I had someone to play Legos with. I'm just a big kid at heart.

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