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L'dor Vador
Sunday
November 17
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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. Indeed, 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. Or as the saying goes, "we're not as spiritual as we used to be, but then again, we never were!"

In any case, 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 one of the new cameras 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 turn away from big public events and focus on the daily joy of regular Torah study. There will be opportunities galore to study—we are planning discussions about Jewish parenting, kabbalah, Jewish history, midrash—a whole world of Jewish subjects. Sooner or later, you're sure to find a masterpiece on the palace wall. I hope to be there with you when you do.

Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff

PS: Keep your eye open for the Rutgers Jewish Film Festival, of which B'nai Tikvah is a proud patron. Our own Jodi Marcou and her team have put together a truly wonderful array of films, showing from October 24-November 3.

From the Desk of Canto



L'dor Vador: The Claire and Irving Teicher Concert
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Sam Glaser

A Joyful Up-On-Your-Feet
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November 17, 2013 at 4PM

"Some consider Sam Glaser to be the hardest working man in Jewish music today. With over 20 albums under his belt and his annual fifty city concert tour which plays for over 100,000 fans, we think that Sam has earned the title." I have been and continue to be inspired by many people; I'm blown away by Sam Glaser.

The L'dor Vador series of concerts have brought THE BEST, contemporary American Jewish musicians to B'nai Tikvah. L'dor Vador from Generation to Generation is an expression of our commitment to our community and our children.

My journey to becoming your cantor at B'nai Tikvah began with my love of Jewish music and my once dormant ability to communicate my love of everything Jewish through music. I was exposed to all kinds of music in my home, my schools, summer camp and the synagogue.

When I embarked upon my Jewish educational and cantorial career, it was the music that I already knew and the musical artists whom I met at the amazing conferences that I regularly attend who inspire my ever increasing love of everything Jewish. The music drives me and helps to nurture my enthusiasm.

Thanks to the generosity of Cindy and David Teicher I have been able to showcase the awesome talent that I have been privileged to experience in our shul. I venture to state that no other area synagogue

has so consistently hosted the All-Star musicians that the L'dor Vador brings to B'nai Tikvah.

I am writing to you on Sept 13th, just a few hours before Yom Kippur, when I will have the ultimate honor of chanting Kol Nidre. We each ask God for compassion, understanding and forgiveness. "Kol Nidre, all vows, oaths and promises that we were not able to fulfill, we pray that they be annulled". We find solace in these cathartic words of prayer and at the same time our promises to one another are not annulled by this appeal.

I have made many promises to you and I hope and pray that I have fulfilled your expectations. And I will continue to endeavor to be worthy of your trust.

The L'dor Vador concerts raise our expectations. The concert is an opportunity to showcase our passion for everything Jewish. L'dor Vador is a celebration of Jewish music and pride and how we at B'nai Tikvah embrace and rejoice as a community.

I've written platitudes about every artist, each one is the best ever! I understand everyone has their favorites; Sam Glaser is special. "Sam's compositions have enigmatic appeal; they are complex and catchy, wise and witty, youthful and seasoned. His energetic style and passionate delivery never fails ignite the spirit of audiences of all sizes and age groups. Countless fans credit Sam's music with their enhanced connection with God and the mission of the Jewish People. Sam is able to speak from the heart and lead by example.

Just as we were stirred by Debbie Friedman of blessed memory, Craig Taubman, Neshama Carlebach, Joel Nelson and Greg Wall, we are honored that Sam Glaser will inspire and entertain our B'nai Tikvah community from our bima.

As Josh Nelson sings..."We are gifts, we are blessings, we are history in song...L'dor V'ador... we protect this chaion and praise God's name."

I deeply hope and pray that you will be here on Sunday, November 17th at 4 PM, to experience Sam Glaser and celebrate our music from Generation to Generation.

Worship the Lord with Gladness and Joyous song!

With Joy, Blessings and Appreciation
Cantor Bruce Rockman

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MEN'S CLUB

Thank you for Raising the Roof!!!

The Men's Club would like to thank all who came out to help construct the CBT Sukkah on Sunday morning, 9/15

Thursday night Football Party at CBT (October 10th at 8pm)

The Men's Club is hosting a football party for the NY Giants versus Chicago Bears on Thursday, October 10th at 8pm. Minyan at 7:30pm. We'll be projecting onto a large screen in the Social Hall.

We'll have tables and chairs set-up, but feel free to bring you most comfortable lounge chair. Come out in your favorite football garb.

This will be a fun night out with plenty of "assorted" beverages and snacks. Look for additional details in future Web, email, and Bimah announcements.

RSVP to Steve Katz skatz56@aol.com

Annual Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs - Man and Youth of the Year Dinner.

Come help us celebrate and honor Allan Katronetsky and Jason Shindler at this great event.

When: Wednesday, November 13th, 6pm
Where: Grand Marquis, 1550 Route 9 South, Old Bridge, NJ.

\$36 for Men's Club Members

\$54 for non-MC Members

RSVP to Steve Katz - skatz56@aol.com
or [732-329-0687](tel:732-329-0687)

TEXAS HOLD'EM IS BACK!

**Saturday,
December 7**

More details coming soon or email
holdem@bnaitikvah.org



FAMILY SHABBAT DINNER SERVICE

WELCOME BACK!!!

OCTOBER 18, 2013 6PM – Multi-Purpose Room

Services begin at 7pm

RSVP a must by October 16, 2013

This program is geared for anyone who has children/grandchildren, etc. between the ages of 2 and 7!

Everyone is welcome – Bring a friend or two!!!

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The office or mail to the synagogue

RSVP by October 16th **Contact Bobbi Binder 732-274-2797 or eemaof3@comcast.net**

LOST TALLIS

A tallis was accidentally picked up in the Men's Room at B'nai Tikvah between 12:00 and 12:30 pm during Yom Kippur services. Another tallis was left behind.

Missing tallis is white with black trim and is of sentimental value. Please check your tallis bag.

If you have the wrong tallis call Lynn Weismarshall at 732-297-0696

From the Webmaster



You ought to be in Pictures

A very subtle but, significant change to our website can be seen on the home page in the upper left corner. What used to be a very colorful slideshow of our stained glass windows, is now replaced by pictures that try to reflect what it means to belong to B'nai Tikvah. I selected 20 photos amongst the thousands posted in our photo albums at bnaitikvah.phanfare.com. If you have a photo that you think would make a good addition, please send it to me for review and I'll resize and adjust it accordingly. Address all photos and comments to webmaster@bnaitikvah.org

Gary Bergman



I can't believe we're already talking about October! USY has gotten off to a great start so far for 2013. The kids are enjoying themselves, as usual, and we even have 4 new members!

Upcoming Events for October 2013

Saturday, October 5, 2013

USY Regional Opening Dance, Springfield, NJ. We will have a bus leaving from B'nai Tikvah at 7:45pm to drive the USYers to the dance in Springfield, NJ. The dance is from 8:30-11:30pm. Pick up will be at B'nai Tikvah at 12:15am. The cost of the dance & bus together will be \$20. Please email nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com to reserve a space on the bus.

Thursday, October 17th - Israel Night (Food! Food! Food!)

This year, we are having our Israel night with a twist! We will be eating our way through our favorite country and enjoying delicious falafel, Israeli Salad, pita, and other straight from-Israel favorites like: Bazooka bubble gum, Bissli & Mukupelet (the world's most delicious chocolate!)

We will also be making our own hummus! This event will be held in the B'nai Tikvah Youth Lounge. Please email nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com to RSVP for this event.

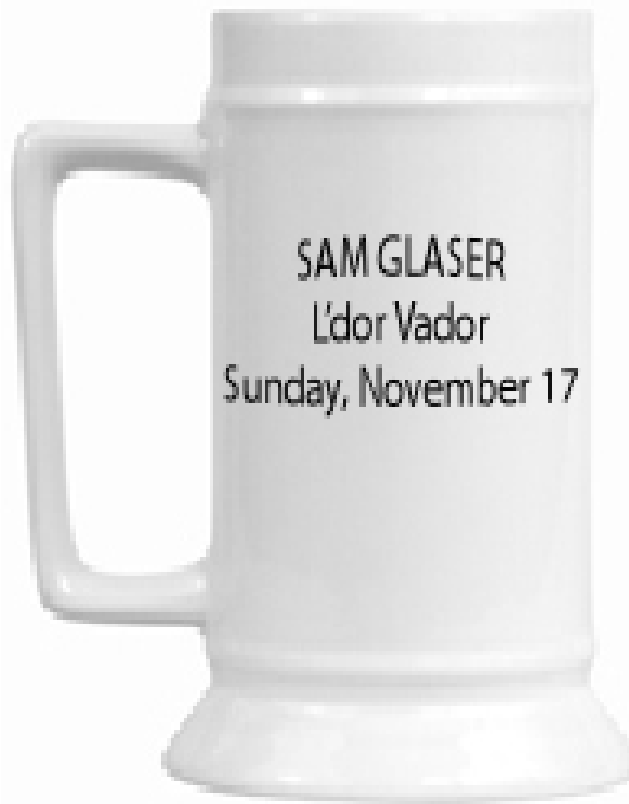
Tuesday, October 29– Purim in October

Purim is coming a few months early this year with USY's Purim in October. We will be celebrating Purim as it should be, with a party, mischloach manot and SA/TO! Please come in costume and get ready to enjoy delicious treats, including, of course, hamantashan. Please also check your email for information regarding the charity we will be supporting. Everyone will be asked to make a small donation (food/toy) to this charity in the spirit of "Purim"! Please email nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com to RSVP to this event!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events!

Please email nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com for an application if you still need one. Keep an eye out for emails from nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com for updates on November's events and what we have coming up for December! 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-base 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 at <http://www.bnaitikvah.org/usyforms.html>
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ANOTHER VIEWPOINT



The Good Old Days?

I can't find my keys and I forget appointments but I recall things that happened when I was a boy back in the 1920s. Those were the days when our culture was still transitioning from gas lights to electricity. I remember our address in 1926 was 1474 Washington Avenue in the Bronx. In the hallway leading from the door to the kitchen, there was a fixture that could provide light either by gas or electricity. The fixture had a light socket facing down and contained a bulb surrounded by a rose shaped glass cover, and the upper part had a gas light facing toward the ceiling, with a gas jet and valve that could be turned on to provide light if the electric power failed.

The horse drawn wagons of the day were still competing with automobiles. Auto brakes were still mechanical, and while modern hydraulic brakes can be actuated easily, the mechanical brakes of those days required a strong foot for the brake pedal to stop your car. But stopping a car was still a lot easier than stopping a horse drawn wagon filled with fruits and vegetables.

Unlike today's supermarkets, the wagons were a common sight and collisions with autos were not uncommon. As I came down the front steps from our house I saw a wagon pulled by a horse trotting past us going toward the street corner and just as it reached the corner a car pulled out of the cross street in front of the horse. The car came to a stop but the heavily loaded wagon was too much for the horse and it reared up with its front legs in the air and came down onto the top of the car.

In those days cars were still built with fabric roofs and so the poor horse plunged his forefeet into the interior of the car. I don't know what happened to the passengers as my mother pulled me away as people ran to help at the scene. The fate of the horse became known to me when I saw him lying in the street for a couple of days until they could send a special vehicle to remove the body.

It has been many years since I have had the pleasure of riding a horse, but whenever I had the opportunity to ride I would remember the scene of that poor animal lying in the street, covered with flies until it was carried away.

Believe me, when I hear people talking about the "good old days", I know their memories are even shorter than mine. The good old days never were.

Aaron Rosloff

A Message From Our Co-Presidents



Shoes. It's always about the shoes.

I (Allison) was at a business lunch recently, and the conversation with one of my female colleagues segued easily from corporate governance and capital markets to what kind of shoes she was planning to wear for her upcoming wedding. A hush came over the table, as every woman dropped all other conversation and turned to us with rapt attention; the men, stupefied at this turn of events, tuned out. And a few days ago, while Ruth Anne and I were texting about the Lyme disease symptoms in her feet, we somehow found ourselves imagining the profit potential of really pretty orthotic shoes. As someone once said, "Give a girl the correct footwear and she can conquer the world."

We hope we are well on our way to conquering the world, or at least our small corner of it. And yet, we also pay attention to other, more meaningful quotes about shoes. For example, we are always mindful that we have "big shoes to fill". We take time during the Days of Awe to reflect upon what we've done right, what we've done wrong, and how we could have handled things differently. What would our parents have done? What about the founders and past presidents of B'nai Tikvah? It is our goal to lead this congregation in a direction that makes them proud, and to ensure that their legacy is sustained.

Then there is the famous quote: "Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes." (Some woman later quipped: "I would walk a mile in your shoes, but I know they're as uncomfortable as mine!") Congregants in our synagogue and people in our neighborhoods surely have challenges that we cannot even imagine. We must make it our mission to think about the big issues of our time from someone else's perspective; to put away the pettiness and adopt a new mindset of openness and cooperation.

And finally, here is one more: "I cried because I had no shoes...until I met a man who had no feet." What could be more humbling? As much as we love our shoes, in the end they are just things and, in fairness, pretty trivial things. With the holidays behind us, we resolve that this year, we will renew our focus on our friends and family – and that is especially true for our congregational family here at B'nai Tikvah.

With every best wish for a happy, healthy and fulfilling year,

Allison Nagelberg & Ruth Anne Koenick, Co-Presidents

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I hope all my Kadima members had a Happy New Year!

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

September 15th – Our opening event with USY at Rebounderz Indoor Trampoline Arena.

September 23rd – Dinner in the Sukkah at Josh Safeer's house.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 6th – Regional opening event, Holly Rock Game Show at the Summit JCC, 67 Kent Place Blvd from 2-4:30 pm. The cost is \$15; don't miss food, fun and friends. RSVP by 10/1 so we can form carpools.

October 7th – Kickball in the Gym from 6:30-7:30 pm. Snacks will be served. Please meet me at 6:15 pm so we can discuss our Annual Lock-In. RSVP by 10/3.

October 20th – Bounce U w/ Pre-Kadima, 410 Princeton Hightstown Road, West Windsor from 2:05-3:40 pm. Don't miss out on the fun bouncing with your friends! The cost is \$10 & the Youth Fund will pick up all remaining costs. You must wear socks & parents must fill out the waiver http://cdn.bounceu.com/docs/release_and_waiver_faxable.pdf We will meet at Bounce U; I can help set-up carpools if needed. RSVP by 10/15.

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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Sunday, October 13th - Memories, Mishpacha and Mementos

A time to share memories with your fellow sisters. Bring a memento, family heirloom, photograph, and/or recipe and share your story with us. A great way to get to know and bond with the women of our congregation. Feel free to bring a friend. The meeting will start at 10 am and will include a bagels and lox breakfast.

Save the Date

Wednesday, November 20

The paid up membership dinner will be a blast but not the same without you!! A night of fabulous food, friends and fun!! Save the date!! Details to follow!!

Sunday, December 15th

We will be having a book review at 10:00 am. The book is Unorthodox by Deborah Feldman. Please read this brave and well written memoir into a culture most of us know little about. Then come and discuss it with us. Whether you participate or observe and listen it will be fun for all. Breakfast will be served. If possible, please RSVP to lorisookerman@comcast.net. The last book discussion was a hit and we know this one will be too. Join us!

Gift Shop – Store hours are Sunday 9AM-12PM and Wednesday 4PM-6:15PM. By appointment, call Serena Blackin at 732-390-9515.

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Remember first night of Hanukah is November 28th.

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Mitzvah Baskets - Having a B'nai Mitzvah or other simcha? Let Sisterhood decorate the bima with two non-perishable food baskets. 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 Jill Eisner: jjeisne@aol.com

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We're planning many engaging programs, most free to members, including our Paid-Up Membership Event on Wednesday November 20, 2013. We would love to see you there.

Simply fill out the form below and mail it to Melissa Kessler, our Membership VP at the addresses provided.

New this year, we're offering different membership levels, our standard membership level remains for synagogue members (the Rachel level at \$36) but show your support at the higher Rebecca or Sarah levels and get a discount at our gift shop for the entire year in return.

Questions? Call Melissa at 1-617-869-1422 or reach her via email at melissa.dara.kessler@gmail.com.

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October's calendar is filled with many events. The JET program for our younger families will be held on Sunday, October 6 in the Youth Lounge. Grade one and grade two parents will meet at 9:30 am and kindergarten parents will meet at 10:30 am. This is a wonderful opportunity for our families to get to know each other in an informal setting.

You will be able to visit your child's classroom on Sunday, October 13 Visitation will begin at 9:30 am and end at 10:30 am. 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.

Rabbi Wolkoff's discussion with the parents was a huge success last year and will continue this year. The first of these discussions will be held with the Aleph parents on Sunday, October 20 in the gym.

On Sunday, October 27 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 am. The students and the Rabbi will begin their discussions at 10:30 am.

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

The Barnes & Noble Book Fair will be held on Sunday, October 27 from 12:30 to 2:00 pm. The Religious School and the Nursery School will receive a percentage of the money spent. Our goal is to purchase Nooks to be used by both schools. With Hanukkah arriving on Thanksgiving, this is the perfect way to jump start your Hanukkah shopping.

Enjoy the fall season with its brisk weather and beautiful leaves.

B'Shalom,

Ann Ruth Nimberg

Education Director

OCTOBER EVENTS

- October 6 JET PROGRAMS - Kindergarten at 10:30 a.m.,
Grade 1 & Grade 2 at 9:30 a.m.
- October 13 Classroom Visitation from 9:30-10:30 a.m.
- October 20 Rabbi discussion with the Aleph Parents at 10:00 a.m.
- October 21 Religious School Committee Meeting at 7:45 p.m.
- October 27 Chai Breakfast with the Rabbi
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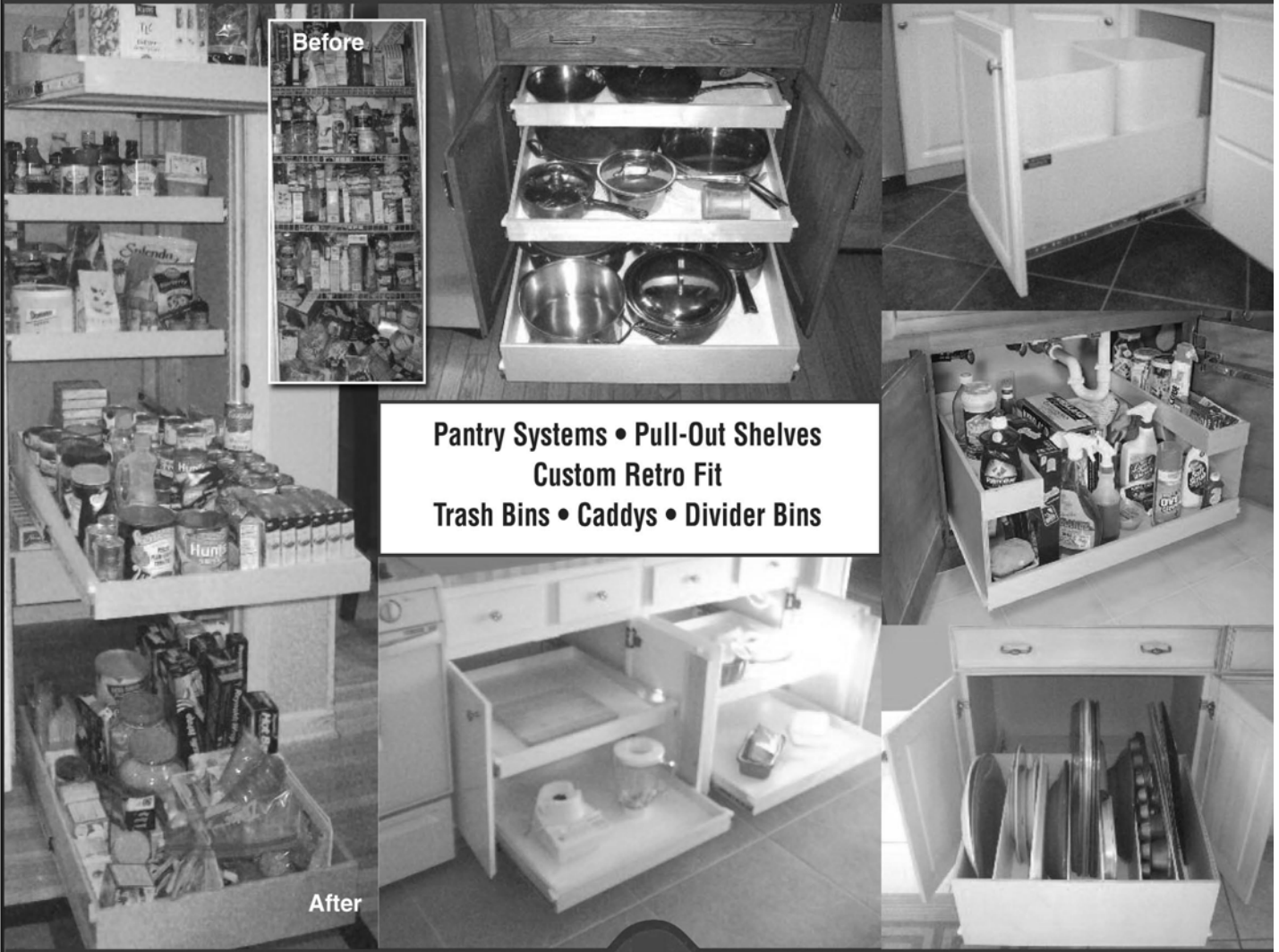
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Who are these families? These families are all in need. They are referred by various sources including Jewish Family Services, local welfare directors, school social workers and senior centers. How does this program work? Each family will fill out a wish list of their needs. The wish lists typically include items like towels, sheets, blankets, clothing, shoes, coats

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.
3. 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

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Building B'nai Tikvah's Sukkah

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NURSERY SCHOOL

Phyllis Denenberg
Nursery School Director



School is off to a great start. Welcome to all our returning families and to our new families and friends. I would like to introduce this year's staff:

Terez Slim Administrative Assistant
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Yoga class (or Zumba) with Miss Joann will take place every other Monday. On alternating Wednesdays, we have music with Mrs. Cohen or Library in the Youth Lounge. On one Friday per month, we have Soccer with Coaches Spencer, Ryan, or Eddie.

We sell 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.

All our fundraising money goes to our children; whether it is for special equipment or exciting programs. We have a new Smart Board in our pre-k room, purchased with fundraising money from our JCC families. All staff members were trained in its use. We hope to fundraise for a lap top computer to go with it. Our current classroom computers are outdated and very slow.

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

In September, all classes will learn about the holidays of Sukkot and Simchat Torah.

Historically, Sukkot commemorates the forty-year period during which the children of Israel were wandering in the desert, living in temporary shelters. Agriculturally, Sukkot is a harvest festival and is sometimes referred to as Chag Ha-Asif, the Festival of Ingathering. The word "Sukkot" means "booths," and refers to the temporary dwellings that we are commanded to live in during this holiday in memory of the period of wandering.

Decorations for the shul sukkah and their own family sukkahs will be created and the brachot (blessings) on the lulav and etrog will be learned. 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!

Our 3's and Pre-k classes will be going to Giamarese Farm in East Brunswick on September 25th. They will go on a hayride and pick apples, just in time for the fall.

On Shabbat October 5 we will be learning about Noah and the ark. Each class will be making projects and doing activities relating to this topic.

On Friday, October 18 children (ages 18 months to 3 years old), along with a parent, grandparent or caretaker will begin our Shabbat Together program. It is an hour program from 10:45 AM to 11:45 AM on one Friday a month. The first half hour is with Morah Phyllis (Denenberg) where the children learn about Shabbat or a holiday and then create an art project. The second half will be spent with all the children at the school wide Shabbat Party. Cantor Rockman will lead us in this portion of the program. The schedule is on our website along with a registration form.

Our next fundraiser will be our Barnes & Noble Book Fair on Sunday October 27 12:30 PM-2:00 PM. It is being shared with the B'nai Tikvah Religious School. We are jointly fundraising for Nooks (Barnes and Noble version of the Tablet) to be used in the classrooms. There will be free raffles to win two \$10.00 Barnes and Noble gift cards. Our children will sing songs. There will also be a Day Camp reunion at the book fair and our wonderful camp staff will be there singing some of the summer's camp songs with our campers! There will be arts and craft projects too!

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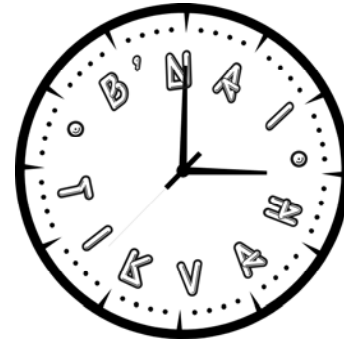
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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 27 Tishrei Men's Basketball	2 28 Tishrei	3 29 Tishrei	4 30 Tishrei	5 1 Cheshvan Bar Mitzvah Aaron Ostroff
6 2 Cheshvan Kadima Regional School JET Program Temple BBQ/Picnic in Richler Park	7 3 Cheshvan Kadima Kickball Board of Directors	8 4 Cheshvan Israel Study Group Men's Basketball	9 5 Cheshvan	10 6 Cheshvan Thursday Night Football Party	11 7 Cheshvan Birthday Shabbat	12 8 Cheshvan Bat Mitzvah Rachel Watman
13 9 Cheshvan Classroom Visitations Sisterhood	14 10 Cheshvan Sisterhood Board Columbus Day	15 11 Cheshvan Men's Basketball	16 12 Cheshvan	17 13 Cheshvan B'nai Mitzvah 2014 Bikur Cholim	18 14 Cheshvan Nursery School Shabbat Shabbat School Wide Shabbat Family Shabbat	19 15 Cheshvan Lunch and Learn
20 16 Cheshvan KADIMA/Pre Kadima Bounce U Rabbi discussion with Aleph Parents	21 17 Cheshvan School Board	22 18 Cheshvan Men's Basketball	23 19 Cheshvan	24 20 Cheshvan	25 21 Cheshvan Nursery Wedding	26 22 Cheshvan
27 23 Cheshvan Rabbi Chai Breakfast Barnes & Noble Event	28 24 Cheshvan Palestine Study Group Ritual Committee	29 25 Cheshvan Men's Basketball	30 26 Cheshvan	31 27 Cheshvan	Candle Lighting 4 6:18pm 11 6:06pm 18 5:56 pm 25 5:46 pm	Shabbat Ends 5 7:15 pm 12 7:04 pm 19 6:54 pm 26 6:45 pm



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