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A Message From Rabbi Robert Wolkoff



In the aftermath of World War I, two Nazis confronted a Jew on the streets of Berlin. “Who,” they demanded to know, “was responsible for the German defeat?” “The Jews,” he answered. “And the bicycle riders.” “The bicycle riders?” they asked, incredulously. “Why the bicycle riders?”

“Why the Jews?” the man responded.

This joke, like all good jokes, contains a big kernel of truth. Anti-Semitism always contains something of the irrational. But the story is more complicated than that, because the causes of anti-Semitism have real historical roots, and the consequences of anti-Semitism have real historical implications. Over the course of centuries, the social and ideological causes of anti-Semitism have shifted. Even as one motive for anti-Semitism gave way to another, though, later generations of Jew-haters have used the imagery and fantasies of previous generations. And they do so in spite of the contradictions inherent in these different images. Thus a veritable smorgasbord of hatred is available to anyone who seeks to discriminate against Jews. We have too much money, and too little. We are too universal, and too particular. We are too nationalistic, and not nationalistic enough. And on and on....

This year, as part of our adult education program, I will be offering a series of discussions about the various phases of anti-Semitism, how they came into being, and the impact they continue to have on the world we live in. The sessions will begin in December, but please keep your eyes open for the dates listed in Hakol, beginning with December 11, and mark them in your calendar.

Not all our enemies come from the outside, though. As Pogo famously said, “We have met the enemy, and they is us.” Recently, the Pew Research center released an incredible survey on the state of American Jewry. Keeping a long story short, “It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.” But more worst than best. Here’s the link: <http://www.pewforum.org/2013/10/01/jewish-american-beliefs-attitudes-culture-survey/>

It is my hope to use this survey in the near future as the basis for a deep congregation-wide conversation, during which we will consider the implications of the study for our families, for our congregation, and for Judaism as a whole. The survey will help us to make profound and well-informed choices concerning our Jewish lives and our Jewish future. I look forward to your thoughts and your participation.

Shalom,

Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff

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Ok, so what do you want to do? These are the words that led to the creation of L'dor Vador, our annual Jewish cultural event. Week after week, David Teicher and Mark Roller would ask me this question during the Oneg Shabbat on Friday nights or wherever we saw each other. I was slow to answer, recognizing the scope of my desire. I had a dream for a series of concerts featuring the finest contemporary Jewish musicians and lectures by the wisest Jewish thinkers of our time.

Seven years later, with great pride, I can say that my dream is being realized. Now, I'm looking for traction; I want you all to be here for the excitement! Sam Glaser is awesome!

In my dreams, I see hundreds of people in our sanctuary, members and our friends, lovers of Jewish music; our social hall is filled just as it is on the high holidays.

In my dreams, the concert has a summer camp atmosphere; we are ALL singing and swaying along with any of our amazing artists, Sam Glaser, Debbie Friedman, Josh Nelson, or Craig Taubman; everybody is just having the best time!

In my dreams, our USYers and their friends are surging to the stage to sing with the artist; they've heard this music at their conventions and camps.

In my dreams, the phone is ringing all day with requests for information and tickets.

The L'dor Vador concerts are feel-good Jewish experiences, guests feel welcomed and we all are a part of something great, something that you want share.

In about 2 weeks, and as Hanukah quickly approaches, Sam Glaser will light up our bima for our concert event of the year. For the past few months, I have written about Sam Glaser, the wonderful performer and the inspirational person that he is. Sam Glaser is sure to bring joy to you and to everyone at B'nai Tikvah on November 17th. **So please keep our tradition growing; buy your tickets now and let's rock!**

"L'dor Vador means that we learn to be Jewish from our parents and our grandparents, so everything Jewish will always be."

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A Message From Our Co-Presidents



Turkey with a Side of Latkes

This year, the first night of Hanukkah coincides with the holiday of Thanksgiving. In fact, some have coined a new name for this event – Thanksgivukkah – and the commercial possibilities abound: sweet potato latke pie, menorahs shaped like turkeys (the ever-popular "menurkey") and, of course, multiple opportunities for Black Friday and Cyber Monday shopping. The melding of two family-focused holidays, each with so much to be thankful for and both bringing great opportunities to eat, make this a truly unique year. And yet, beyond the quirky cross-cultural celebrations, the essence of both holidays is a profound expression of thanks for the blessings in our lives. Our CBT community has much to be thankful for.

To begin with, we are deeply grateful to the members of our congregation for donating more than 35% additional in high holiday pledges than last year – and, in fact, more than in any other year. This is especially remarkable in the face of these difficult economic times. During Yom Kippur, we asked...and you answered.

We are thankful that we successfully closed on the sale of our parsonage, above our asking price, and with minimal fuss.

While we still have much work ahead in order to bring our financial house in order, we have made important strides and we look forward to reporting to you at our Congregation meeting in December.

The opening of our CBT Chai has been a tremendous success. We are thankful to the volunteers and professionals whose tireless efforts have brought this program to fruition. The NJ Jewish News explains that CBT Chai is based on an eight-semester program developed by Brandeis University's Institute for Informal Jewish Education, including courses on: Jewish bioethics; modern and historic Israel; "Who Wrote the Bible?"; JAM – Jewish Art and Music; "News for Jews"; "Who Inspires Us"; and "Loom of Israel" – an in depth look at the Jewish state's history, its role in Jewish identity, the Palestinian question, the peace process, and possible conflicts between a Jewish and democratic state. We are truly excited that this novel curriculum has caught the attention of Behrman House – the renowned Jewish book publisher. Educating our teens about their Jewish heritage and their Jewish future is a privilege and we will continue to evaluate this curriculum to meet the needs of our teens and their families

We give thanks for our health, our friends, the children we adore and the parents we treasure, fulfilling work, and – let us not forget – restorative downtime. We are grateful to the hard-working leaders of B'nai Tikvah who have taken responsibility for: the Sunday picnic in Reichler Park, Sisters in the Sukkah, Thursday night football, L'Dor V'Dor, Poker Night, Meshugenah Masquerade, and so many more activities throughout the year. Please join us whenever you can and, better yet, get involved in the planning process. We thank you for all you do to keep our community strong.

Best wishes,
 Ruth Anne Koenick, Co-President, Allison Nagelberg, Co-President

MEN'S CLUB

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

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Understanding Texas Hold'Em Are you all in???

Dave Cukor and Ben Gottesman explain the fine points of Texas Hold'Em and share the strategies for becoming a serious player. We'll play some hands through. The goal is to provide a better comprehension of the game so you can play with confidence and win in preparation for the CBT Tourney on December 7th.

This will be an enjoyable, get-together with lots of camaraderie. All are welcome!! Breakfast will be provided, courtesy of the Men's Club.

When: Sunday, November 17th, at 10am.

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

Thursday Night Football Party Are you ready for some football???

On Thursday, October 10th, the CBT MC hosted its first-ever Thursday Night Football Party. We watched the Giants play the Bears and Rutgers vs Louisville. We thank Evan Bernstein of Classical Caterers for letting us use his LCD projectors and screens in the Social Hall. Gary Bergman was the mastermind who figured out the wiring and connections. We had about 30 guys at various times, chips and dips, and cold beer/soda. Although the Giants and Rutgers were unsuccessful with their respective quests for victory, all had a great time.

Upcoming meetings:

January - Let's brew some beer
February - World Wide Wrap



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Moving into November, I am happy to say that we officially have more members of NSBUSY than we have had in the last 5 (or more!) years and are over the 40 member mark! Mazel Tov to the board on its expansion efforts! Now, onto the fun!

In October, the kids enjoyed a Regional Opening Dance, an evening of fun with make-your-own-hummus and other delicious Israeli treats, and of course, who could forget Purim in October.

Check out the fun we have in store for the rest of 2013!

Upcoming Events for November, 2013

Sunday, November 10- 1:30pm – Ice Skating & Lazer Tag, Bridgewater Sports Arena, Bridgewater, NJ

Join us for a day of everyone's favorites – Ice Skating & Lazer Tag! We'll be heading over to Bridgewater Sports Arena, where USYers will be able to skate for 1 hour and follow that with a game of Lazer Tag for \$10 (including skate rentals)! Additional games of lazer tag are \$5 per person if you'd like to add on. The event will start at 1:30pm and pick up will be between 3:15 and 4pm, depending on how many games of Lazer Tag your USYer wants to play! *RSVPs must be received via email (nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com) by Thursday, November 7th so that I can get us this great group rate.*

**Friday, November 15th – Sunday, November 17th
USY Fall Kinnus**

Marlboro Jewish Center, Marlboro, NJ

Details to follow. *Please direct any questions to nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com*

Thursday, November 21st – 6:30-8:30pm – Target Scavenger Hunt & Ice Cream! Target & Cold Stone Creamery, Milltown, NJ

We had so much fun last year that we're bringing back this event and are hopeful we can have a huge turnout this year. Everyone will meet at Target where we will divide up into teams and hand out a list of items to find in the store. USYers will take pictures of the items and the team that finds the most items will win FREE ice cream at Cold Stone! Please send your USYer with money for ice cream for after the scavenger hunt. *Please RSVP to nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com for this fun event!*

December, 2013 – Save The Date!

Wednesday, December 5th – CBT & USY Hanukkah Party

USY is invited to join the rest of CBT for a congregation-wide Hanukkah celebration (details to follow). USYers are then invited to stay after the CBT party for a USY- &-Kadim- only Human Dreidel Contest

which will be as hilarious as it sounds and include great prizes to be won!

Saturday, December 14th – Regional Membership Dance, Paramus, NJ Details TBD

Wednesday, December 18th – Chinese Food, Movie, & Ugly Sweater Party Details TBD

Thursday, December 19th – International Convention, New Orleans, LA Please visit www.usy.org/ic for more details.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events!

Please email nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com for a membership application if you still need one

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

Our Opening Event was at Rebounderz Indoor Trampoline Arena with our USY Chapter. The kids had a great time all together.

Thank you to Josh Safeer and his parents for hosting our Sukkah event this year! The kids built edible Sukkahs and mostly ate them as snacks instead of building them.

The kids always like having a sports event in the Gym, so back by popular demand, was a game of kickball. Fun for all who attended.

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

October 20th – Bounce U with our Pre-Kadima group.



UPCOMING EVENTS

November 4th - Come in your Pajamas to the Youth Lounge from 6-7:15 pm. We will enjoy breakfast together with some games. RSVP by 10/31.

November 17th – The Pottery Place, 217 Clarksville Road, West Windsor, from 2-3:30 pm. The cost is only \$10 to you and we will cover the remainder of the cost. Come and make an art project for a family member for Hanukkah. RSVP by 11/13 and we will form carpools.

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

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.

Jordana Andersen ([732-422-7457](tel:732-422-7457))



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This Month

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You should have received your invitation in the mail to be part of a wonderful night at the 'Sisterhood Paid-Up Membership Dinner'!! Join friends and make new ones as we eat, drink, and sing at CBT! A night of Karaoke facilitated by 'The Entertainment Company' and wonderful food by our own Classical Caterers. If you have not paid your dues yet, you are welcome to pay on the evening of the event. Please contact Melissa Kessler at (617) 869.1422 or e-mail her at melissa.dara.kessler@gmail.com

We want to do our best to include those of you who prefer not to drive at night. If you would like a ride to and from the synagogue, and if anyone is willing to volunteer to drive, please contact Caryl at 908.216.7616 or carylgreenberg@verizon.net. We will do our best to make a match!

Lastly, please be aware that when you RSVP for the dinner we are paying per person. Over the course of the last few years, we have many 'no shows' so hundreds of dollars are spent without 'you' benefiting from the expenditure. Sometimes we are sick, stuck in traffic, come down with a migraine etc., but we did want everyone to know about the 'behind the scenes' reality. If you RSVP that you are coming, please, do your best to let us know a couple of days before the event if you cannot attend (if it's possible). Thanks and hope to see you all on the 20th!

Save the Date

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 exploring 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!

Delicacies for the Devoted!! –Let's show our local heroes that we are thinking about them! If you are interested in baking and helping to distribute cookies, candy, cake, platters to local emergency rooms and police stations on December 24th, 2013, please let us know. We are looking for bakers and distributors as well as people able to make up the platters. Contact Caryl Greenberg at 908.216.7616 or carylgreenberg@verizon.net

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Membership Application

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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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Ann Ruth Nimberg
Religious School Principal



According to the secular calendar, November is a month for giving thanks. I am thankful for the positive direction in which the Religious School and CBT Chai is moving. I am also thankful to everyone who has been involved in this process.

Please join us for our second annual Breakfast in PJ's. Breakfast in PJ's will be held in the gym on Sunday, November 3rd at 9:00 a.m. We will have bagels, cereal, juice, milk, and a nosh. PJ's and the donation of \$1.00 are strictly optional. If you are available to help with the set up and serving, please let me know.

The Rabbi's discussion with the Bet parents will be held on Sunday, November 17th. The discussion will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the gym. The Religious School Committee will meet on Monday evening, November 18th, at 7:45 p.m. Please join us. Your input is important to us.

Hebrew Evaluations will begin for the elementary students in aleph through hei on Wednesday, November 20th. If your child needs additional help in Hebrew studies, we will notify you. The annual Family Hannukah Party will be held on Wednesday, December 4th immediately following Religious School. Details will follow.

As always, programs begin after minyan. If you are waiting, please join minyan and grab a nosh.

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a Happy Hannukah!

Ann Ruth Nimberg
Education Director

September Mensch of the Month Awards

Kindergarten- Jared Radoczy
Grade One and Grade Two - Rose Rykus, Morgan Zink
Aleph - Jenna Kozodoy, Shayna Jiorle
Bet - Matthew Tell
Gimmel - Andrew Miller
Dalet - Cara Spivak
Hei - Eva Tell

ANOTHER VIEWPOINT



This article was received by the editor prior to Aaron's passing. It is published in his honor as it reflects on the Mensch he was.

Why Us?

A long-time friend of mine, a Republican, asked me why Jews tend to vote Democrat? The following views are my own, so no hate mail please.

I believe that we Jews are part of a culture that stems from our religion. That part of the culture is called Tikkun Olam, which translates as "to heal the world." God gave us this wonderful world and it is up to us to use it well or not. And according to the Bible, He did it in six days. Can you imagine the reaction of the slave owners of biblical days to the idea of allowing their workers to sit on their hands for a full day? Fat chance. Even today, in many parts of the world, there is no such thing as a paid day of rest "or even unpaid".

Our Bible also requires that we look after the widow, the orphan, the poor, the elderly, and the stranger in our midst. Really radical stuff, ain't it? But in today's world, much as it has been since humanity learned to walk on two legs, it's every man (or woman and child) for himself. If you can't help yourself, too bad, tough luck.

Wherever Jews have lived, and since we settled in America in numbers, we have tried to take care of not only our own, but have worked toward establishing health and care facilities for everyone. All over America, Jews have built hospitals and health facilities that treat everyone. There are hospitals that identified themselves as Jewish from the outset, but treated all comers regardless of ability to pay.

There were a few Jewish slave owners pre-Civil War but, by far, most American Jews were anti-slavery and were involved at their peril in anti-slavery movements as they were in the 20th century's anti-discrimination movements.

With the rise of the industrial age, Jews became involved in the Union movement, as employers used workers like human replacement parts in a machine. Today, we take the 40-hour work week as standard. In my father's time, some employers demanded 60 hours with no overtime pay. Jews fought for more stringent child labor laws, safer workplaces, and medical and health benefits which today are taken for granted.

Heal the world, our religion commands us. Of course, no group or culture holds all the aces when it comes to benign conduct. We have our Nobel Prize winners, but we also have our Bernie Madoff's. In my humble opinion, as fractious and wrong-headed as they often are, today's Democrats try harder to "Heal the World," and to guard our resources.

That's what I told my friend, and that's my viewpoint.

Aaron Rosloff

Activities

We had well over 200 people come together in Reichler Park last month for a day of music, schmoozing, food, sports, and fun. To those of you who were there, I hope you had fun and, to all you others, I hope you join us at other activities throughout the year. This month, I'd like to focus on education.

Rabbi Wolkoff will have two wonderful courses of discussion this year, both of which are topical: a ten-class series on the history of anti-Semitism, and a six-part series on Jewish parenting. The anti-Semitism series will be taught on Wednesday evenings after minyan and the Jewish parenting course will be on Sunday mornings (yes of course there'll be coffee, and what's a drink without a nosh?). Please join us for great classes and lively discussions. More details will come via email for each class, but here are the dates if you'd like to jot them down:

History of Anti-Semitism

December 11
December 18
January 8
January 29
February 5
February 19
March 5
March 19
April 2
April 30

Jewish Parenting

November 24
January 12
February 2
March 9
April 27
May 4

In addition to Rabbi Wolkoff, our own Professors Azzan Yadin-Israel and Hilit Surowitz-Israel will each teach several of the classes. These are not to be missed! More details forthcoming via email, so please watch for announcements.

We also are going to try something a little different this year that will leverage the vast array of knowledge and talent that we have in the membership at Congregation B'nai Tikvah. We are going to start a weekly session called **CBT Tuesday Talks**: short (i.e. 20-30 minutes) presentations where congregants can share their knowledge and expertise with fellow congregants and answer questions. The topics will be (hopefully) as varied as our members. For example, we might have topics such as

"iPads for Dummies"
"Where's the Best Place to Get a Website Built?"
"Buying and Selling Real Estate"
"Creative Writing"
"Where Should I Invest My Money"
"Basics of Algebra"
"Computers & TVs: How Do I Get Them to Interact"
"Cholent Making"

I am hoping to start **CBT Tuesday Talks** on Tuesday November 12th. If you are willing to be an expert for a half hour and share that expertise with others, please let me know (greenbergdan@gmail.com, 732.640.5086) (and let me know what your topic will be). This program only will work if there is a critical mass of people. We need you.

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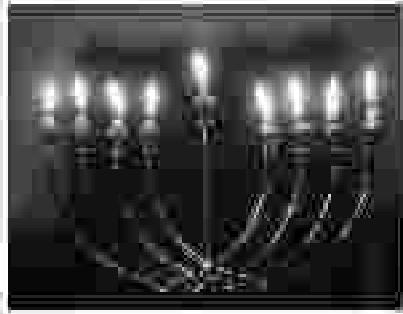
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Phyllis Denenberg
Nursery School Director



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Voting will take place in our classes on Election Day, November 5th. We will let you know "our" results.

School will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 8th & 9th, due to Teachers' workshops. On Thursday, our staff will be attending two morning workshops at our school, including a speaker from St. Peter's Hospital's Speakers' Bureau. In the afternoon, all staff will renew their First Aid and CPR certifications.

Monday, November 11th—Wednesday, November 13th is our annual Chanukah Regifting Boutique in the gym. Great selection and prices!

In conjunction with their unit on Community Helpers, the classes will have guest speakers and participate in many activities. On Wednesday, November 13th, at 10:00 AM (with a rain date of Friday the 15th), the Township of North Brunswick will send over various vehicles that help the community. In recent years, vehicles have included: a police car, an ambulance, a fire truck, a front loader and a garbage truck. Those of you who are interested in seeing these vehicles are invited to join us.



If you would like to see more of what we do here and view pictures of the children each week, please go to our website www.bnaitikvah.org/nursery.html

The Nursery Classes will celebrate Thanksgiving in their own special way. The 2 1/2's, 3's and Pre-k classes will make beautiful costumes and prepare a yummy feast to be shared with their families in the Social Hall. The feast will take place on Wednesday, November 27th at 11:00 AM. Thank you, Mrs. Meghnagi's and Mrs. Horn's classes and their families for sponsoring the Thanksgiving feast.

The first night of Chanukah is Wednesday night, November 27th. All classes will be making special projects for Chanukah. Many will be learning the Brachot (blessings) for lighting the Menorah.

On Wednesday, December 4th, at 10:30 AM, we will be having our annual Chanukah Party. After being entertained by our talented children, Uncle John's Puppets will entertain us. Thank you, Mrs. Winter's class for sponsoring the Chanukah refreshments. Thank you, PAC parents for all your preparation.

Until next month...

Phyllis Denenberg, Director



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This is why we run this program...to make a difference in peoples' lives.

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

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

How can you help?

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

2. **Volunteer to obtain one or more** of the items on a family's wish list.

Donate money that will be specifically used to purchase items on a family's wish list. Checks should be made payable to Congregation B'nai Tikvah Holiday Program.

To participate in this worthwhile program, send in the tear-off below, fill out the form at Bnaitikvah.org, or e-mail Janice Baer at Jbbd11@verizon.net or call Janice Baer at 732-940-0268

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I want to donate money that will be specifically used to purchase items on a family's wish list. Checks made payable to Congregation B'nai Tikvah Holiday Program

Send completed form to Janice Baer, Congregation B'nai Tikvah by November 10th

Any questions, call Janice Baer 732-940-0268 or Jbbd11@verizon.net

Forms are also on the synagogue website at bnaitikvah.org/familyhelp.html

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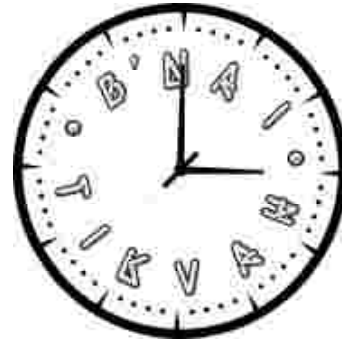
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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Candle Lighting 1 4:37 pm 8 4:29 pm 15 4:23 pm 22 4:18 pm 29 4:15 pm	Shabbat Ends 2 6:36 pm 9 5:29 pm 16 5:24 pm 23 5:19 pm 30 5:17 pm				1 28 Cheshvan	2 29 Cheshvan Lunch & Learn
3 30 Cheshvan School PJ Breakfast Daylight Savings Ends	4 1 Kislev Kadima PJ Night Board of Directors	5 2 Kislev Men's Basketball	6 3 Kislev PAC Meeting	7 4 Kislev No Nursery School	8 5 Kislev No Nursery School	9 6 Kislev Bar Mitzvah Adam Taubenslag
10 7 Kislev Synagogue Event No Religious School	11 8 Kislev Sisterhood Board	12 9 Kislev Israel Study Group Men's Basketball	13 10 Kislev Men's Club Man of the Year/CBT Youth of the Year	14 11 Kislev	15 12 Kislev Shabbat Together Family Shabbat	16 13 Kislev Bat Mizvah Lindsey Nebel
17 14 Kislev KADIMA Pottery Rabbi discussion with Bet Parents Men's Club L'Dor Vador	18 15 Kislev School Board	19 16 Kislev Men's Basketball	20 17 Kislev School Evaluations Sisterhood Paid-Up Membership Dinner	21 18 Kislev Bikur Cholim	22 19 Kislev	23 20 Kislev
24 21 Kislev Interfaith Thanks- giving Service	25 22 Kislev Palestine Study Group Ritual Committee	26 23 Kislev Men's Basketball	27 24 Kislev No Religious School Nursery School Thanksgiving Feast FIRST NIGHT OF HANUKAH	28 25 Kislev Office & Schools Closed HANUKAH THANKSGIVING	29 26 Kislev Office & Schools Closed HANUKAH	30 27 Kislev HANUKAH



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