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# LAG B'OMER

**Sunday, May 18**



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## A Message From Rabbi Robert Wolkoff



This time of year gives witness to the radical pendulum swings of Jewish history. First, the liberation of Passover; then, Yom Hashoah, our Holocaust Remembrance Day. Then, the memorial day for Israel's fallen, followed by the great miracle of Yom Haatzmaut, Israel Independence Day. All of this takes place during the counting of the omer, a time of great anticipation in the time of the Temple, but great upheaval in the Diaspora (including the massacre of the German Jewish communities during the First Crusade).

This strange collection of holidays, commemorating the highs and lows of our existence, serves as a reminder that there are life and death issues in the world; we have experienced the best and the worst; and we need to be prepared for anything.

This awareness serves as a call for mental and moral clarity, and for courage to face the truth, however unpleasant. This is one of the reasons that it is customary, during the 49 days of counting the omer, to study the 48 methods of gaining wisdom, as described in Pirkey Avot 6:6. Among these are "Influencing your fellow man to virtue; setting him on a path of truth; and setting him on a path to peace."

What does this look like in practice? Well, perhaps it is easier to show what it *doesn't* look like. Consider the recent events at Brandeis University. Brandeis had invited Ayaan Hirsi Ali—a courageous feminist and critic of Islamic violence, to which she was personally subjected—to receive an honorary degree for her defense of women around the world. And then the politically correct crowd intervened, objecting to Hirsi Ali's comments about Islam. Since her comments constituted a violation of the school's moral code, she was disinvented from the commencement ceremony.

So let's get this straight. Here is a woman who was subjected to genital mutilation at age 5; who was forced to flee for her life when she renounced Islam; who was almost forced into an arranged marriage against her will; whose colleague was stabbed to death by a radical Muslim "who took the time to leave a note pinned to his victim that said Hirsi Ali was next"; who was forced to flee for her life yet again (to the United States) because of her vigorous opposition to genital mutilation, "honor" killings, and applications of Sharia law that justify wife and child beating—and *she* is the one who is violating the school's moral code?

Give me a break. This is absurd on so many levels. First, if anyone is offensive, it is those who whitewash this violence and seek to kill the messenger.

Second, more absurd still, is the fact that the motto on the Brandeis seal is "Truth, even unto its innermost parts," unless, of course, you don't like the truth because it makes you feel uncomfortable and question things. Some motto.

And perhaps the greatest absurdity of all: It was Justice Brandeis who said, "In the frank expression of conflicting opinions lies the greatest promise of wisdom..." And he said further, "Those who won our independence... valued liberty as an end and as a means. They believed liberty to be the secret of happiness and courage to be the secret of liberty."

Considering the courage (not) shown by his namesake university, he must be rolling over in his grave.

What comes next in my article might be too terrible to bear, especially if you are a student at Brandeis, so don't read any further unless you dare, but here's some of what Hirsi Ali had intended to say at the graduation ceremony:

"I stand before you as someone who is fighting for women's and girls' basic rights globally. And I stand before you as someone who is not afraid to ask difficult questions about the role of religion in that fight . . . The connection between violence, particularly violence against women, and Islam is too clear to be ignored. We do no favors to students, faculty, nonbelievers and people of faith when we shut our eyes to this link, when we excuse rather than reflect ....

"When we shut our eyes...when we excuse rather than reflect..." This is the opposite of "Influencing your fellow to virtue; setting him on a path of truth; and setting him on a path to peace."

Brandeis University should be ashamed. And we should redouble our commitment to seek the "truth, even unto its innermost parts," even if Brandeis won't. Because the truth won't just set you free. It may even save your life.

Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff

PS: On a much happier note, I just wanted to let you know that I'll be setting aside time every Thursday morning after minyan, from roughly 9 AM to noon, to be available for serious schmoozing. So come on in and have a cup of coffee with me, and let me know what's on your mind. With apologies to Motel 6, "We'll keep a light on for you." (After all, synagogues have been doing that a lot longer than the motel chain has!)



### Daily Schedule of Services

Sunday	9:00 am & 7:30 pm
Monday	7:30 pm
Tuesday	7:30 pm
Wednesday	7:30 pm
Thursday	7:30 am & 7:30 pm
Friday	8:00 pm
Saturday	9:30 am

## From the Desk of Cantor Bruce Rockman



### "The 13 Principles of Faith"

(Maimonides, 12th Century c.e.)

#### ...and some perspective

1. G-d is the Creator and Ruler of all things. He alone has made, does make, and will make all things.
2. G-d is One. There is no unity that is in any way like His. He alone is our G-d. He was, He is, and He will be.
3. G-d does not have a body. Physical concepts do not apply to Him. There is nothing whatsoever that resembles Him at all.
4. G-d is first and last.
5. It is only proper to pray to G-d. One may not pray to anyone or anything else.
6. All the words of the prophets are true.
7. The prophecy of Moses is absolutely true. He was the chief of all prophets, both before and after Him.
8. The entire Torah that we now have is that which was given to Moses.
9. The Torah will not be changed, and there will never be another given by G-d.
10. G-d knows all of man's deeds and thoughts.
11. G-d rewards those who keep His commandments, and punishes those who transgress Him.
12. The coming of the Messiah, no matter how long it takes, I will await His coming every day.
13. The dead will be brought back to life when G-d wills it to happen.

What does it mean to be Jewish? Actually, I'd like to ask you what it means TO YOU, to be a Jew.

As you mature, do you feel closer to God? Does God have an important place in your heart and the decisions that you make?

Do you take God for granted, like an old friend or - better - a parent who will always love you, regardless of the circumstance?

Has being a committed Jew, and you are one, made your life better?

Did you transmit your Jewish values to your children? Do they reflect your Jewish perspective?

Our tradition expects, even demands, our unparalleled loyalty and passion toward God; "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and your soul...."

Consulting God before we make major decisions is valuable, because you will understand that you also need a God inspired attorney, an engineer or dentist, who may help inform your heartfelt decisions.

I usually find that I worry more about earthly consequences than God's judgments. I thank God regularly, and with passion. I accept that God's decisions are meaningful and not arbitrary, but I do not always understand why things happen. I know that we are all the most blessed people on earth and I don't know why we have been singled out to be so blessed.

I know that the world looks crazy, and bad stuff always seems to be happening. We are blessed like no others to be able to search for answers, an amazing gift from God, don't you agree?

Maimonides' "13 Principles of Faith" seem daunting and a bit remote, yet it is the basis of the liturgical poem "Yigdal," regularly sung in synagogues. We sing "Yigdal" with fervor, because these attributes ARE our aspiration. Prayer reminds us of the strength and effort that all of our relationships require. Love God with all your might, then we'll be better able to love each other.

Explore your siddur; try to understand the passion with which it was composed. You'll still have plenty of questions, but your life may have more meaning.

With joy,  
Cantor Bruce Rockman  
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I would love to hear your thoughts and concerns. Please call or email; maybe, we can satisfy each other's curiosity.



## JUNIOR CONGREGATION

Junior Congregation had a great time at its attendance-incentive Movie party on March 24. 26 kids had a great time watching "Muppets Most Wanted" at the Starplex Cinemas in East Brunswick. The movie party is one of many incentive rewards we have for the children who attend services. Did your child make it? If not, there is always next year!!

Barry Safeer



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In older times and even currently in more traditional families, couples were matched according to a number of criteria. Among them, religion was one of the most important aspects. It was generally considered harmonious and proper for a person to marry within his or her own religion. Today the world has changed dramatically. In turn, many couples who get together find that they are from different religious backgrounds. Sometimes, it can be difficult to resolve these differences, successfully, especially when larger issues are raised, such as how to get married and which religion to raise the children with.

Today, many of us experience today our children involved in interfaith relationships and marriages. Along with this comes many challenges for the couple, parents, and grandparents. New Beginnings is a support group that gives us the tools to deal with these challenges. Several years ago, New Beginnings was an active group that was very beneficial throughout the years to many parents and grandparents. Therefore, we have decided to re-start this group with the hope that we can support families who are dealing with these issues.

Our first meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 28, 2014, at 8:00 PM, after minyan. If you have any questions, feel free to call.

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## ISRAEL STAMP CLUB



### By Bob Abrahams

If you are a stamp collector, or the parent or child of a stamp collector – with particular interest in the stamps of Israel or stamps with Jewish themes – then I strongly urge that you/they take advantage of the value of attending the monthly meetings of the Central New Jersey chapter of the Society of Israel Philatelists.

Although attended by members from throughout the area, the GOOD NEWS is that meetings are held at our own B'nai Tikvah.

I was a neophyte when it came to the extent of my knowledge of stamp collecting. I consider myself quite fortunate to have come upon this group, comprised of well-informed and highly respected men and women, some of whom have received accolades and awards of recognition on a world-wide basis, who are eager to share their knowledge.

While dubbed “The Israel Stamp Club,” its scope is much broader. Some have amassed and exhibited impressive collections. For example, one may collect stamps issued by any country that emphasizes a specific theme - - perhaps famous Jews or Jewish holidays. Others have collections of stamps or related items that were issued prior to the establishment of the modern State of Israel and in use while the land was in control of another government.

From serious collectors who bid on and/or offer rare stamps at auction to the most casual collector, the Club offers members an opportunity to share one evening a month with a congenial group of people with a common interest.

For more information, contact the chapter president, Gary Theodore (732-229-5310; [jerseyowl@aol.com](mailto:jerseyowl@aol.com)), Nathan Zankel (732-572-0377; [nate@nbls.com](mailto:nate@nbls.com)) or me (609-619-3296; [TMNBoss@aol.com](mailto:TMNBoss@aol.com)). **Better yet, show up at a meeting, second Tuesday, of the month at 7:30 PM, at Congregation B'nai Tikvah, 1001 Finnegan's Lane, North Brunswick, NJ.**

### From the Webmaster

#### Trouble With Passwords?



Two of the most common mistakes people make with their passwords:

1. Passwords that are too easy to decipher.
2. Using the same password for different accounts.

Here's a way to avoid these errors and, at the same time, to make them easy for you to remember.

Make up a secret 4-character code that consists of an upper-case letter, a lower-case letter, a numeric digit, and a special character, such as: %A4b, G2&m, Cr2\$, etc., and commit that unique code to memory.

Now, for each service that needs a password, simply use the name of that service followed by your secret code. Let's say your secret code is A2\$b. So, your email password might be “comcastA2\$b.” Your bank might be “tdbankA2\$b” or “wellsA2\$b” or “bofaA2\$b,” etc. Change your Facebook password to “facebookA2\$b” as well.

Now your passwords will be more secure, unique to each service, and easier to remember.

*Gary Bergman*





### This Month

Join Sisterhood for a pair of enjoyable events in the month of May!

On **Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Sisterhood meeting at 8 pm (following minyan). Come join us for the annual Sisterhood elections followed by an exciting fitness program. Look for additional details in the weekly emails and Sisterhood Constant Contact information.

On **Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>** - Sisterhood will hold the annual Installation and Dinner in conjunction with the USY/Kadima End of Year Banquet. See our flyer on page 14 Hakol for pricing and RSVP information.

We hope you will join us.

**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](mailto:jjeisne@aol.com)

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## MEN'S CLUB

On Sunday, March 30th, the Men's Club held its annual meeting to box and mail our Yom Hashah candles. Your continued support is appreciated for this important, meaningful program.

In Memory of our Murdered Brothers and Sisters: Recitation and Witnessing of the Names of Victims, Monday, April 28th, from 9 AM to 8 PM. (If you wish to read or witness, please contact Terez, [732-297-0696](tel:732-297-0696).)

CBT Holocaust Memorial Service, Rabbi Wolkoff and Cantor Rockman, on Monday, April 28th, at 7:30 PM. (Light your candle erev Yom Hashoah, April 27th.) Please participate in this mitzvah. All are welcome.

The Men's Club would like to thank the following for participating in the mitzvah of preparing our Yom Hahoah candles:

Andy Ross, Steve & Andrea Katz, Jackie Master, Terry Katz, Allan Katronetsky, Larry Cohen, Bill Greenberg, Craig Cohen, Emma Cohen, Brian Berness, Arthur Biderman, Joyce & Joel Gerbman, and Gary Bergman.

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When: May 4, 2014 @ 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, Registration: 8:30am  
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### Men's Club, Take me out to the Ballgame Somerset Patriots vs Bridgeport Bluefish (Sunday, June 22nd at 1:05pm)

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Look for more information about our annual family outing.





## Another Viewpoint

### Mili Rosloff - A Love Story, a Happy Life, and a Sad Story By Aaron Rosloff - 2007

#### CHAPTER FIVE - Relocating to Kendall Park

In March of 1959, Mili and I moved into the third section of the original development called Kendall Park. There were still no stores in the area, and mail had to be addressed to Franklin Park as there was still no Kendall Park Post Office. The little synagogue called Beth Shalom was opened for the first service for the High Holidays in the fall of 1959 and holiday services prior to that had been held in the Franklin Park fire house. There was no high school in South Brunswick. The original South Brunswick High School opened in the early 1960's, and my daughter Risa was in the first class to go from freshman through graduation.

Police protection was still primarily under the New Jersey State Police, as South Brunswick only had an embryonic police department manned by part-timers. My first bus trip to New York was a sketch. The bus

stop was across the street from what had been a one-room schoolhouse on Route 27. When the driver saw me with a valise at my side, he got off the bus, picked up the valise, stowed it on the shelf above my seat, and did so with a smile (this was not on Mars; it was South Brunswick, 1959). For a born and bred New Yorker this was a revelation.

We had been living in the Riverdale section of the Bronx before moving to Kendall Park. In our innocence of such things, we had hired a mover who was not licensed to work in New Jersey. As a result, we were caught in the middle of a dispute between movers and had to renegotiate the move, resulting in our arrival at our new home at twilight instead of early afternoon. Our youngest was still only nine months old, and we were depending on the delivery of a new refrigerator, timed to arrive just after we had planned to be at our new home. We had brought chilled milk and formula from the apartment but were getting panicky about the refrigerator.

The shopping center was still under construction and I had only a vague idea as to where to go for milk so late in the day, and the food from the apartment ought to have been placed at once into the fridge. What to do? A knock on the door. There stood two young men from the appliance store. These two fellows had made the trip during the day to our house and were working overtime hoping to find us at home to take delivery of the refrigerator because the invoice had a notation "baby in family." You know, if you live long enough, you collect some very special memories of some very special people. I hope that life has treated these two men with the same care they showed us on that day in 1959.

TO BE CONTINUED.....

Look for CHAPTER SIX, the final chapter of Mili and Aaron's "Love Story," in next month's Hakol.



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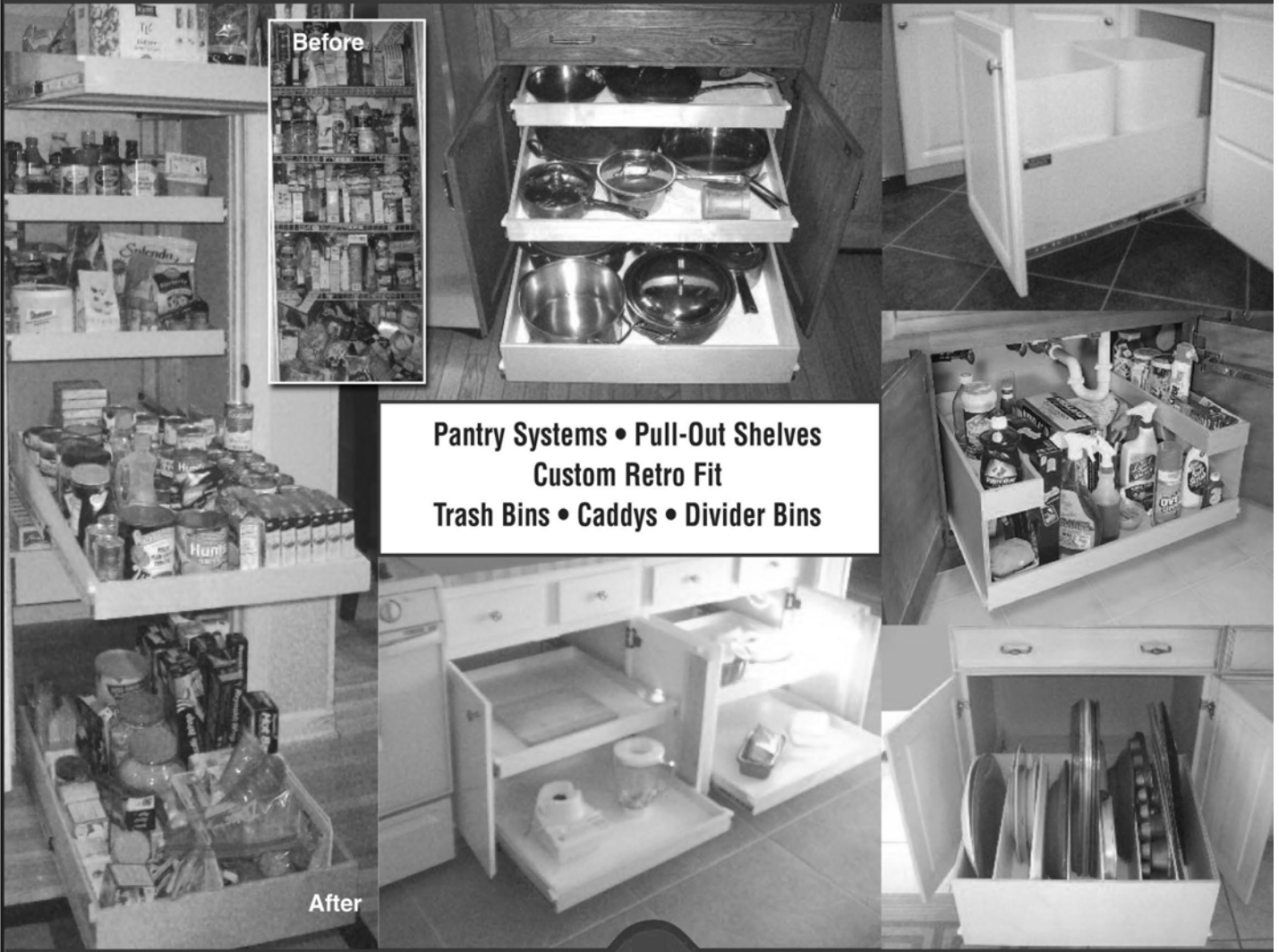
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# NURSERY SCHOOL



Phyllis Denenberg  
Nursery School Director

## Spaces are still available for summer camp and fall programs!

Caterpillars arrived the week of April 28<sup>th</sup>. Ladybug larvae will be arriving soon after. The caterpillars will become chrysalises and then turn into Painted Lady butterflies. We will then have a "releasing ceremony" in the playground when the weather is cooperative. Look on our website for pictures!

This year's Mother's Day Tea will take place on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, for all classes. Moms, Grandmas, and aunts are invited. Invitations were sent out. The children will sing songs and present beautiful gifts to their Moms. There will be iced tea to drink and baked goods to eat. Check out our website for photos.

On Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate Israel's independence beginning with our annual Israel Independence Day, Yom Ha'atzmaut, parade. All are invited to the parking lot at 11:30 (weather permitting, otherwise it is in the gym!) with music and dancing with Cantor Rockman.

Lag B'Omer was celebrated by all classes on Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. It is a day of rejoicing and was celebrated by having picnics and making special projects.

Conferences will take place on Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, and Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> for all classes. Regular classes are in session.

**We will be closed Monday May 26<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day.**

The PAC (Parent Action Committee) is sponsoring a luncheon for our wonderful teachers on Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

### Save the Date:

Pre-K Graduation is: Friday, June 13, 2014 ,at 12:30!

## JCC of North & South Brunswick Day Camp Program 2014

Our activities will be organized around weekly themes. Once a week, there will be a special program relating to the theme of the week.

### First Session

- Week 1 "The Mighty Jungle"
- Week 2 "Clowning Around"
- Week 3 "All Aboard"
- Week 4 "Disneymania"

### Second Session

- Week 5 "Life's A Ball"
- Week 6 "It's Cool To Be Safe"
- Week 7 "Work-Out Week!"
- Week 8 "Dancing With Our Stars"

We have summer My Kid & Me and Toddler Fun programs. They each run for eight weeks, beginning Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Check out our website to upload the forms.

Until next month,  
Phyllis





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# **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual USY/Kadima End of Year Banquet & Sisterhood Installation!**

## **Friday, May 30, 2014 @ 6:30pm Presentation, Dinner, Services & Installation**

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The Model Seder was a huge success!! The kids were awesome!!! Thank you to the Rabbi, the Cantor, and Barry Safeer. Thank you to all the volunteers and to the Religious School staff and special thanks to those who made donations. Mark your calendar for next year's Model Seder!! You will have great food, wonderful entertainment, a possible shocker or two, and you will definitely leave with a smile.

The new fundraisers, Shoparoo and Amazon.com, continue to grow. I hope to add one more fundraiser before the year is over. Specific information will be sent out to the families whose children are involved in the May programs. Look for it in the Weekend Announcements and the Religious School Facebook page. Mazal Tov to all the students and their families!!

The Tot Program was once again well received. We are planning another one for Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Moving Up ceremony for our first and second grade families will take place on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Aleph Consecration and Dinner will be held on Friday evening, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Dalet Jr. Congregation Service takes place on Saturday morning, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Gimel "Wedding" will take place on Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Hei Graduation has been rescheduled for Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

The Gimel Class Service will be on Friday evening, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

The CBT Chai Graduation will be held on Tuesday evening, June 3<sup>rd</sup> during Shavuot services. This is traditionally the time for graduation and/or Confirmation ceremonies to take place. Please join us as we celebrate these students.

The Religious School Committee will meet on Monday evening, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 p.m., after minyan.

The last day of Religious School is Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Thank you to everyone for all your support this year!! Don't forget to register for the 2014-2015 Religious School year!!!

## CBT Chai Graduates

Mazal Tov To The CBT Chai Graduates:

Farah Cukor

daughter of David Cukor and Marla Cukor

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son of Ben and Linda Fellen Gottesman

Rachel Greenberg

daughter of Daniel and Caryl Greenberg

Andrew Katz

son of Terry and Sylvia Shore-Katz

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daughter of Caroline Scharf

Rachel Seidman

daughter of Richard and Lisa Seidman

Graduation will take place on Tuesday evening, June 3, 2014, during Shavuot services.

## April Mensch

Kindergarten - Ella Weber and Sophie Demarest

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## A Message From Our Co-Presidents



"Maybe we should have that meeting on Sunday, April 13?"

"Not a chance; that is the day before Seder!"

"Then...we could meet on Wednesday, April 16, after sundown? Or Sunday, April 20, before sundown? Or maybe this Friday at 7:30 a.m.?"

So goes the conversation at any number of Jewish organizations as we try to fit our secular work and the work of the synagogue around a myriad of holidays and other events. There is simply never enough time!

At the end of March, the two of us found ourselves crossing paths at Newark Airport – Ruth Anne returning from seeing family in California and Allison heading to Florida for business. This scenario epitomizes our co-presidency, which has been noteworthy for carpools to B'nai Tikvah, shared bima responsibilities, and a never-ending stream of email, text messages, and phone calls – upon waking, before sleeping, during the middle of the night, driving home from Costco, and up to the moment the airplane door closes.

A few years ago, I (Allison) mapped out a full day of driving for myself and my husband, David, in order to transport three kids and assorted friends and sports equipment from county to county for ballgames, play practice, school projects, and youth group functions. I

asked David if he thought we would succeed in getting each person to his or her activity on time, and he said "It looks great – unless either of us have to stop for a red light."

The hectic pace of our daily lives is exactly the reason why Jewish law commands us to stop and take a breath on Shabbat and on the holidays. We may be racing the clock to get everything done, but then we are rewarded with genuine R&R – because our Torah says this must be so. During the first time I (Ruth Anne) was president, I learned a new respect for Shabbat because it was the one day I could, without feeling bad, tell someone that I don't do synagogue business on Shabbat, It truly became a day of rest for me.

It is now one year since we marched down Finnegans Lane and dedicated our new Torah. During this year, it has been our honor and privilege to see the beautiful new mantles in the superbly renovated Aron Kodesh, to read from the perfect print, and to lift the new Torah with ease.

We are so grateful to all of the donors and volunteers who made it possible for us to welcome this Torah. We are planning to commemorate this milestone in our congregation's history in the coming months – details will be forthcoming. We look forward to taking a break from our crazy comings and goings in order to reflect on that special celebration and all of the wonderful events that have followed.

Warm regards,  
Allison Nagelberg, co-President  
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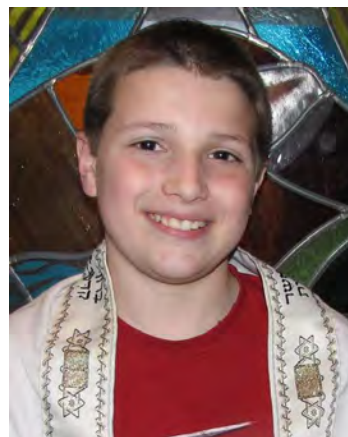
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