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A Message From Rabbi Robert Wolkoff

The World Stands Upon Three Things



“The world,” the rabbis tell us, “stands upon three things: upon the Torah, upon Divine Service, and upon acts of lovingkindness.” (Pirkey Avot, 1:2)

The usual interpretation of this passage is that there are three different aspects of Jewish life. One is the intellectual world of Torah. The second is the spiritual world of ritual. And the third is the moral world of good deeds.

And just as there are three different aspects of Jewish life, so too there are three different kinds of Jews. Some Jews are fascinated by the depth of Torah interpretation, the world of commentary, the richness of Jewish ideas. These are the Jews for whom the most pressing issue is where they can squeeze in another bookshelf.

Other Jews are inspired by the rituals and sacred practices which, from time immemorial, have brought Jews together and brought us as a people closer to G-d, whether in the Tabernacle, the Temple, the synagogue, or the home. For these Jews, a new melody, a whimsical mezuzah, or a new recipe for chicken soup adds intensity and vibrancy to their spiritual life.

And finally, there are Jews who hear the world crying out for tikkun. From the rainforest of the Amazon to child labor sweatshops in India, from battered women in Seattle to conflict diamonds fueling wars in Africa, G-d's world is filled with challenges that demand His partners' (i.e., our) attention.

Each of us, it could be said, embodies our own unique combination of these three concerns and interests. Seen in this light, our task at B'nai Tikvah is to make our synagogue a tent big enough to find a place for all Jews, no matter which combination they happen to represent.

So far, so good. But the text of Pirkey Avot has even more to teach us. There may be three different things upon which the world stands, and people make different combinations of them, but it would be mistaken to see these different things as intrinsically separate from each other.

They are, in fact, all aspects of the same thing, alternate facets of the same diamond, which is: life Jewishly lived.

Think about it. A life of Torah would be empty indeed if it did not call us to Divine Service and did not guide us through the world of Divine Action. A life of Divine Service would be inarticulate without Torah and solipsistic without Divine Action. And Divine Action would be mindless without Torah, and either barren and shrill (perhaps both!) without Divine Service.

The real challenge, for Jews everywhere and for us at B'nai Tikvah in particular, is to live Jewish lives that are integrated, lives that are made rich by Divine Wisdom, elegant by Divine Service, and gracious by Divine Action.

Let's work on it together!

Shalom,
Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff

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HAKOL

The Newsletter of
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From the Desk of Cantor Bruce Rockman

Let's Talk about Prayer

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I often wonder what it is that makes prayer meaningful to us, to me and to you. I would like to explore this question with you on a daily basis while also encouraging you to pray. Prayer is personal and public. Certainly, we choose our venue; some pray at home, some pray only in the synagogue, and others wherever and whenever.

Our weekday services are not well attended. Does this mean that our congregation lacks a sense of spirituality? I'm certain that this is not true, but at the same time I think your spirituality will likely be increased by attending services. Far too often, we "pray" when "we must." Praying has become a secondary reason for attending services. More often, our members attend a service to memorialize and to show respect for our beloved relatives and to support others in need; few attend to simply praise G-d.

The first question I must reflect upon is, are these services spiritually uplifting? Are we asking people to read a lot of words that ultimately lack context? I'm willing and anxious to know what would make prayer more meaningful to us, to you and to me. Too often, my focus is upon whether or not we have a minyan and not the focal point of my prayers.

This past summer, I blogged during my visit to Israel that I was heartened by your response. I would like to revive my blog and focus on

"Passionate Judaism." I'd like to engage in an ongoing conversation about G-d, Israel, Prayer, and the Jewish People.

So, let's begin a discourse about prayer. I'm hopeful that within the next month I will be able to link a new blog to our website, www.bnaitikvah.org and, in the meantime, I will be sending out regular emails. My messages will include a measure of inspiration and some information. Please email me "privately" at cantor@bnaitikvah.org so that I will know that you would like to be a part of this conversation; I need to hear your thoughts.

"...a variation of a blessing or b'rechah includes the Hebrew words "asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav", stating that G-d is "instilling in us the holiness of mitzvot by commanding us to..." Our use of b'rachot can heighten our awareness that the dimension of holiness is constantly available to each of us, and that we are as holy as we allow ourselves to be."

From the introduction in Siddur Sim Shalom

Worship the Lord in gladness; come before G-d in joyous song.
Cantor Bruce

cantor@bnaitikvah.org or
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January 31

Shabbat Shira - Lunch & Sing

A Message From Our Co-Presidents



The new year of 2015 is upon us. It seems as if we just welcomed the Jewish New Year. During this time, more than 800 people came out as we hosted Kasim Hafeez, a radical Moslem turned Zionist, Rabbi Ken Spiro, world renowned lecturer on anti-Semitism, and Itamar Marcus, the founder of Palestinian Media Watch. Our sanctuary renovation is underway. And we received a beautiful work of art - a most generous gift from the family of our own Aaron Rosloff (z'l). As we honor Aaron's memory, we look to the future to ensure that we preserve his legacy at CBT.

We participated in our annual interfaith Thanksgiving service, where neighboring clergy and congregants from so many faiths came together to give thanks for the abundant blessings in our diverse community. While we have daily reminders of the tensions in the Middle East and throughout the world, we take the time to celebrate the values that unite us as parents, children, and friends.

Our synagogue is where we gather for learning, laughter, and fun. Rabbi Wolkoff's Study and Samosas at Saphthagiri at noon are a

weekly Wednesday treat. We picnicked in the park in October, with hundreds of congregants of all ages playing, eating, and schmoozing together. And, on January 10, we will have three fabulous New York comedians, and our own Mitch Frumkin as MC, entertaining us. Bring a friend, make a friend, and have a fantastic time.

In just two months, we will be honoring Cindy and Neal Gittleman at our annual fundraising gala. Cindy and Neal have been integral to the growth of B'nai Tikvah for decades - the growth of its membership, its musical life, and its spirit of menschlichkeit Cindy and Neal have touched the lives of literally hundreds of CBT members over the years. Come out and celebrate their contributions to our community on Saturday, March 7, and please support our fundraising effort as generously as you can.

As we move forward in 2015, we hope that each member will find a way to perpetuate the legacy of all of B'nai Tikvah's founders, and strengthen our community for generations to come.

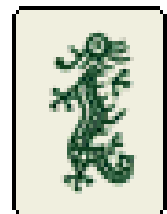
Wishing you a healthy, happy, and peaceful new year!

Allison Nagelberg, and Ruth Anne Koenick, Co-Presidents

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Thursday, February 19th

Join Sisterhood for a book review of "Marching to Zion" by *Mary Glickman*, 7:30 pm. "A wonderful and sad story about interracial relations in the 1910s and 1920s America. It follows a cast of Black and Jewish characters....They make for an intriguing and engaging cast to see us through their fateful journey through those times...." (By ChristophFischerBooks, http://www.amazon.com/Marching-Zion-Novel-Mary-Glickman-ebook/dp/B00EP6PBFO/ref=tmm_kin_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&sr=&qid=).

Wednesday, March 18th

Chicken Soup Event. More details to follow.

This Month

January 24th, 2015

Passover Poker. See ad for details.

January 28th, 2015

"Gabrieli Trunk Show." See righthand column for details.

Vendors Needed

Sisterhood is hosting a "Shop till You Drop" Vendor Fair on Sunday, April 26th, 2015. If you know a vendor or if you are a vendor who is interested in participating, please email Jill at jillfeisner@hotmail.com. Vendor fee is \$36.

Gift Shop

The Gift Shop is open
Sunday 9am-12pm
Wednesday 4pm-6:15pm

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Ori from Gabrieli Weaving is coming to B'nai Tikvah for a tallit trunk show and many with other Israeli products.

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Wednesday, January 28, 2015

3:30PM-7:00PM

Any questions call Serena Blackin 732-390-9515

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Pins and Women's League cards are available. For ordering information, please check the Bulletin Board or contact Ann Rosenzweig. Cards are \$5 if sent to you or \$4 if hand delivered at a Sisterhood event.

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Family Shabbat Dinner and Service JANUARY 16, 2015

Bring a friend or two!!
Everyone is Welcome

Friday January 16, 2015 RSVP by 01/14/15-PLEASE

6pm in the MULTI PURPOSE room

Baked ziti dinner with salad and challah.
Fresh veggies to nibble on before hand.
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Questions? Call Bobbi @ 732-274-2797 or email eemaof3@comcast.net

Another Viewpoint



Sometimes on a Saturday Morning

From time to time, I will see a man without a tallit at Shabbat services and figure there's a pretty good chance he is a non-Jewish guest, especially if there is a Bar or Bat Mitzvah in progress. So we stand up and he stands up, we sit down and he sits down. He is being respectful, but it's obvious that he doesn't have a clue.

I have attended church services on occasion and have the advantage of being able to read English and so I can take part in the service where I feel comfortable, or just follow silently at other times. I feel empathetic towards the guest and can take a chance that I can do some good and make the guest into a friend or, at least, to make his experience into a positive one.

A couple of years ago, when my wife Mili was still with me, but wheelchair bound, I arranged for her to be transported to Long Island to attend the Bar Mitzvah of a grandson. I sat at the end of the pew with Mili at my side in her wheelchair and her aide, a woman, on my other side. After a few sit ups and sit downs, I asked the aide if she was Christian. She nodded yes. (I had to ask, because nowadays there is a whole alphabet of religions, sub-religions, and cults that go all the way back to pre-history.) I opened a siddur for her and showed her where we were. Her face lit up and she whispered, "Oh, I know that."

As a member of a black Baptist church, she was amazed to find that so much of our liturgy was similar to hers. And of course, why not? The next day at Mili's nursing home, I overheard the aide enthusiastically explaining to the staff how much she enjoyed the service (and how much our service was like theirs).

During our Shabbat and other services, except for friends and familiar faces, we tend to close ourselves off from contact with others. This is natural, as prayer, even when we don't understand the words, can be

a time for introspection and we may create a mental bubble around ourselves. We may also feel shy about intruding on others and fear rejection. And so it may be easier to pay no attention to strangers.

If a guest is close by, I will reach over to him or even move my seat a bit and hand him a siddur, if he is not already holding one, and quietly explain that when a page is called out, he will usually find the English directly opposite to the Hebrew. I always get a nod and a smile of thanks. And when the Rabbi calls for page 820 in the Etz Chaim Bible I will point to the red book and whisper why the change.

I do enjoy the look of surprise and comfort on the face of our guest when he realizes this is something that he is already familiar with from his church experience and he can now actually be a part of the service, whether it is a reading from the siddur or from the Bible.

Jewish prayer practice, to most non-Jews is as opaque as a stone wall, until we open the door for them and they can get a glimpse inside and feel that it is not so different after all. Payback time came for me on a Shabbat morning when I had helped a gentleman through our service. As I was leaving the sanctuary, I saw a man in the lobby talking to his wife who had just arrived in time for the luncheon. He spotted me and waved me over to meet her, and introduced me as the person who had turned the service from a chore into an interesting learning experience.

Believe me, this made my day. I have done this a number of times, not always to such a dramatically positive ending, but it was always worth the effort.

So don't be shy. Try it: you'll like it, and maybe even make a friend.

Aaron Rosloff
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Saturday	9:30 am

Eighteen Days in Israel

It was our fifteenth trip to Israel. The first was for the wedding of my brother-in-law, Moshe, in 1979, and this was for the wedding of his seventh and youngest child, Adina. From Moshe's home in Har Nof, a large ultra-orthodox community in the western-most part of Jerusalem, we could see the impressive Hadassah Medical Center at Ein Kerem, and could walk through the magnificent Jewish National Forest.

Prior to the wedding and the week of festive gatherings called "*sheva brachot*" (literally, seven blessings), which followed, Lou and I traveled to the Upper Galilee to visit cousins in K'far Vradim, which means Village of Roses. While there we enjoyed excursions to Haifa (where we had amazing panoramic views of the Mediterranean Sea from cable cars), to Akko (where we explored Crusader ruins and ancient artifacts), to Kibbutz Eilon on the Lebanese border (from which we could see Rosh Hanikra and the Sea), and to busy outdoor markets filled with the smells of fresh herbs and spices and the sounds of vendors and shoppers bargaining and *kibbitzing*. In K'far Vradim we visited the galleries and exhibits of many local artists and savored the delicious and unusual flavors of the Middle Eastern foods prepared by our cousins.

Returning to Jerusalem, I had the pleasure of assisting our niece, Adina, with her wedding preparations which included selecting and packing the clothes she would take with her to her new apartment, and donning her *shaytel* (wig) for the first time. After the wedding, her husband would be the only man privileged to see her natural hair. The evening before the wedding, Lou and I, Moshe and his wife, Peninnah, and Adina went to the *Kotel* (the remnant of the Western Wall of the ancient Jewish Temple) in Jerusalem's Old City. Although we had been there many times before, being there with the bride prior to her wedding day was an especially moving and very spiritual experience that we will remember always.

The marriage ceremony itself was conducted outside in the evening under a *chuppa* (canopy). It was steeped in tradition, beginning with

Adina's mother and the groom's mother circling around Adina seven times and concluding with the groom, Motty, breaking a glass under his foot which, to the amusement of all, took him three tries. When he finally succeeded, everyone yelled *mazel tov* (congratulations)!

Several hundred guests celebrated in a very large reception hall. It was separated by room dividers to create one area for the men and other for the women. Ten of my brother-in-law's twelve granddaughters, ranging in age from 18 months to 10 years, wore matching pink gowns and enthusiastically followed the bride around. The girls also performed an incredibly lovely dance that the older three choreographed themselves and rehearsed with the younger girls until perfect. The two youngest granddaughters, part of triplets, wore adorable matching white gowns and crawled after the girls in pink!

Frequently, women could be seen climbing up on chairs to peek over the room dividers to watch the men in the adjacent area dancing and celebrating. As is typical at Hassidic weddings, women brought their babies with them. By midnight, the babies were all asleep in their strollers clustered on one side of the room, despite the loud music and dancing.

Each evening for a week following the wedding, again with men and women in a room separated by dividers, there were *sheva brachot*, celebrations which include a festive meal, enthusiastic singing of blessings and prayers, and speeches in Hebrew, Yiddish and/or English expressing love for the bride and groom and relating stories about them and their families. Lou spoke in English about how proud he was of his brother and the life he has made for himself and his large family in Israel. Then, he switched to Yiddish to make sure the groom and his family members, who don't speak English, understood the loving comments he made about the bride and the warm wishes he shared for both the bride and the groom. Each speech ended with cheers of *mazel tov* and more singing.

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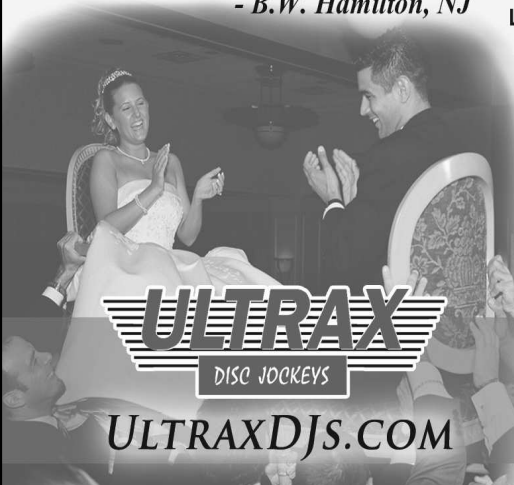
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If you would like to bake we will assemble platters on February 12th for distribution on Friday, February 13th, before Shabbat (if we get enough volunteers) and on Sunday, February 15th.

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In just two months we will be honoring **Cindy and Neal Gittleman** at our annual fundraising gala.

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Come out and celebrate their contributions to our community on **Saturday, March 7**, and please support our fundraising effort as generously as you can by becoming an Angel sponsor or soliciting items for our silent auction.

If you have not received your invitation, look for it in the mail.

To get involved in planning this event or for further information, please email or call **LouAnne and John Wolf** at 732-585-6325 or lawolfie@gmail.com

MEN'S CLUB

World Wide Wrap

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Please join Rabbi Wolkoff, Cantor Rockman and fellow congregants in this international, enjoyable, family event.

Breakfast will be provided courtesy of the Men's Club.

Questions? Please email Steve Katz at skatz56@aol.com

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The women peeked around the barriers to watch the men and hear their speeches. Tears of *nachas* (pride and joy) abounded!

The *sheva brachot* are traditionally sponsored by the bride's parents, the groom's parents, the grandparents, or the siblings. At the *sheva brachot* sponsored by Adina's siblings in Beitar Illit, each sibling contributed a dish or two to the multi-course meal. On the women's side, three of Adina's nephews, aged 6 ½ to 7 ½, set the tables, served the food, and cleared the tables. On the men's side, two of the older boys did the same. The boys were amazing as they carefully carried large platters of soup, appetizers, main courses, and desserts.

Beitar Illit is surrounded by three large Arab villages. Five times a day, the Muslim "call to prayer" can be heard all across Beitar Illit via loudspeakers, and the hustle and bustle of cars and buses to and from Beitar Illit can be seen clearly from those villages. One day, while Lou and I were waiting in Har Nof for our nephew, Tzvi, to come from Beitar Illit to pick us up, he called to tell us he would be a bit delayed. He had been on his way to get us, but two boys from one of those villages, whom he estimated to be between 12 and 14 years of age, threw large rocks at his car and cracked his windshield. Tzvi said he had to go to the police to file a report for government reimbursement and would also have to get another car. "Not to worry," he said.

Even though we had been in Jerusalem fourteen times before, we never tire of being there and walking around. We bargained for various items in the market at Mahane Yehuda, hung out at Moshe's HaSofer shop on Rechov Strauss, and had personalized t-shirts made for our grandchildren. And, of course, we went to Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Museum and Memorial. Our "special" place to visit there is the Hall of Remembrance, where an eternal light shines on the names of the Nazi death camps inscribed across the floor. As we think about the 136 members of Lou's family who were murdered at Treblinka, we are

always comforted by the knowledge that their seed and their spirit survived, and a large and thriving family now flourishes in Israel and America.

We were delighted that we had managed to spend "special time" with all of our nieces and nephews during our trip, either at dinners they had made for us or at other places we had been together. The evening before our return home, we were blessed with surprise visits from all of them. Even the new bride and groom came to say good-bye. The groom, who doesn't yet speak English, thanked us for our gift with carefully practiced English words that brought tears to my eyes.

Our 17-day trip turned into 18 days when the El Al Airline pilots called a wildcat strike and our flight home was postponed. So, we unpacked a bit, put linens back on the beds at Moshe's house, and spent another night there. In the morning, Lou was awakened by the sirens of ambulances outside our window, and I was awakened moments later to the pulsating sound of helicopters circling overhead. Tragically, there had been a terrorist attack at the synagogue on the next street. That resulted in five deaths and many injuries among the men who were chanting their morning prayers. Although the police arrived within minutes and killed both terrorists, we were told that other lives had been saved within the synagogue before the police arrived because the congregants had bravely hurled chairs and tables at the attackers. Lou's brother knew some of the victims; one was a friend of his. The community immediately rallied to support the devastated families and each other.

Our trip captured both the joy and the pain of Israel, a land that we love and cherish. We look forward to our sixteenth trip, some day in the future.

Audrey Flumen

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