

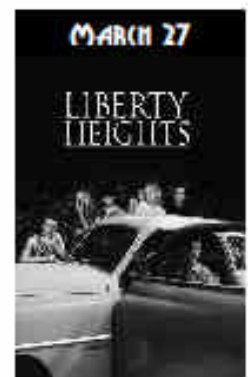
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## From the Desk of Cantor Bruce Rockman



### Go to Israel

Again, this summer I had the opportunity to spend time in Israel. What a difference a year DOES make. As you may recall, I also was in Israel during last year's conflict in Gaza. During both visits, I felt very safe in Israel and to me life appeared to be Normal; clearly, the weight of the war on the population had all but disappeared. As a Jewish person, whether in a religious or a secular setting, I believe it is the best place on earth to be.

Conflicts are part of the regional reality but not apparent day or night.

The unknown is very frightening and very different from reality; the tension that an Israeli may feel is different from that of a tourist's perception. Recent surveys have shown that Israelis are among the happiest and most fulfilled people on this earth!

The regions of conflict are distant from the main Israeli cities, especially Tel Aviv, Haifa, and Jerusalem, where our biggest daily concern as travelers was "what are we having for dinner?" Israelis worry about the stock market, their family, how to spend their leisure time, and where they will be having dinner!

Regardless of my perspective, many with whom I speak are uncomfortable with the prospect of visiting

Israel. We, Americans and members of this community, send thousands of our students and young adults to participate in Birthright and youth group trips to Israel. I've never heard a family object to the "free Birthright trips." More and more Jewish students are spending a year of study in Israel in conjunction with their educational goals. Is that because it is not dangerous or because, how could it be dangerous if everyone is going? The reason is that Israel is a land of opportunity and a great place for self realization.

To get better acquainted with Israel, I suggest that you watch Israeli videos on YouTube. Videos about Israel's sights and lifestyle are abundant. Tel Aviv was voted a top world city; it is "a truly diverse 21<sup>st</sup> century Mediterranean hub."

Stacey is organizing a family-friendly synagogue trip for the summer of 2018; please consider joining us.

*Dear God, Draw us Closer*

*Help us convert our convictions into conduct and our commitments into deeds*

*Help us to narrow the gap between our principles and our practices,*

*between our aspirations and our actions*

*Keep us from blaming others for our faults;*

*help us to heal the wounds we have thoughtlessly inflicted.*

*L'shana Tova Tekateivu,*

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## A Message From Rabbi Robert Wolkoff



People often say that politics and religion don't mix.

They're wrong.

Politics and religion *have* to mix. Religion—and in particular, the Jewish religion—is deeply concerned about the state of human beings. It cares about their economic situation. It cares about their emotional well-being. It cares about the land on which they stand, the food they eat, the clothes they wear. One might imagine that Judaism is only meant to be a vague encouragement to respect G-d, mixed with a love of family and, of course, food.

The rabbis had a different idea. Here's one example (of thousands):

“Follow the Lord your G-d' (Deuteronomy 13:5). What does this mean? Is it possible for a mortal to follow G-d's Presence? The verse means to teach us that we should follow the attributes of the Holy One, praised by He. As G-d clothes the naked, you should clothe the naked.” (Sotah 14a).

Religion gives us standards. Politics allows us to put those standards into practice—and when politics doesn't, we have a responsibility to address that.

Let me hasten to add that this is not a partisan matter. Judaism supports neither the Democratic nor the Republican party platform. No party has a monopoly on the important issues. No party has a monopoly on the proper way to address those issues. A story: many years ago, at a Rabbinical Assembly convention, a resolution was offered in support of raising the minimum wage. I spoke against the resolution. I pointed out that I, as a private citizen, was inclined to believe that raising the minimum wage was a good idea. (I still do). But as rabbis, we knew literally nothing about whether it was a good idea or not. Supporting the poor is the principle about which we should all agree. How you bring that principle into practice is something about which Nobel Prize winners argue.

“But if not now, when?” We must never forget that there is an urgency to these things. There are people out there that suffer from a vacuum of vision, a lack of leadership.

Judaism is neither liberal nor conservative. Neither Ted Cruz nor Elizabeth Warren is the Chief Rabbi. The issues I have recently addressed—immigration, environment, wages, Iran, Israel's right to sovereignty—belong to all of us.

And the issues *must* be addressed, because when they are not, our principles—the higher principles of Judaism—are violated. And I feel that, as a rabbi, I would be remiss in my

responsibility if I did not point out (as firmly and sharply as I can) that such violation is taking place.

I have recently been challenged for singling out President Obama and Governor Christie for criticism. Why them? Because they are the President and the Governor! When we have a different President and a different Governor, I'll criticize them, too, if I see our principles being violated.

And last time I looked, Obama and Christie were in different political parties. This has nothing to do with Democrat or Republican, with liberal talking points or conservative talking points. It's about the dissonance—to me, a grating and painful dissonance—between our highest ideals and the depths to which politics in our country has sunk. I am, frankly, sick of the endless election cycle, the constant bickering, the choice to pursue fruitless policies in order to score political points. I have come to distrust the government's willingness to do what is right (and, for the record, 80% of Americans agree with me)—not because there's a Democrat in the White House and a Republican majority in Congress, or vice versa, but because they're all acting like a bunch of selfish brats who spend more time looking at poll numbers than at the real concerns of the people they were elected to serve.

If you know any way for me to be more non-partisan about it, please get in touch.

During the Vietnam War, a group of clergy came to Secretary of State Kissinger and told him he had to end the war. He asked how, exactly, they expected him to do that. They replied, “Mr. Secretary, as clergy our job is to remind you that ‘Justice shall roll like a mighty stream.’ Your job is to take care of the plumbing.”

One of the most crucial aspects of religion is its ability to speak truth to power. This was an essential part of the prophetic role in biblical times, and it continues to be reflected in modern theology. Robert McAfee Brown once wrote, “If any man is hungry, this is both a religious and a political concern, and out of a religious concern for one created in G-d's image, political means must be devised for ensuring that everyone gets enough bread....”

My comments about politics are simply this: a demand that political means be found to address the moral and social concerns indisputably outlined for us in our Torah.

It's what I do, what I think all rabbis should do. Otherwise, they are doing their congregants, and our country, a disservice.

Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff

PS: You can read Steve Talmud's thoughtful response to my “Letter to Hillary” on page 17 in this issue of Hakol. That debate will continue on-line.”

### A Message From Our Co-Presidents



#### The empty nest...

For Allison – this is now the new normal, with the youngest child off to college. Not that the door isn’t always open for temporary stays between school and work, grand-dog sitting, and as many planned and spontaneous visits as possible. And yet – the years of constant driving, cleaning, in-your-face parenting, and just hanging-out chatting any time at all...well, we have now reached a new phase. David seems to be excited about the prospect; maybe that is just a guy-thing. Allison – not so much!

For Ruth Anne – while the children have been out of the house for quite a while - one lives with his family, including fabulous grandchildren, in Florida – better than California, where they used to live – and the other has just moved with her husband from Virginia to Seattle, Washington – a great career move, but not so easy on the Yiddishe Mama. Of course, there’s Facetime and Skype, and retirement on the horizon, which will make it easier to travel. But nothing is the same as being together for holidays and quick weekend visits.

Someone suggested to Allison recently that one way of coping

with this new situation would be to get a hobby or volunteer – what???

Neither Allison nor Ruth Anne are lacking for volunteer projects or other worthwhile pursuits. But we will both be sure to turn to our friends – our community – as we move into these new stages of life.

In October, alone, B’nai Tikvah will host programs as: Sukkah hopping, the Amazing Kreskin, Ken Abramowitz talking about Israel, the film “A Voice Among the Silent,” and Zeba Jilani (SWAT) – a phenomenal human rights activist. We also look forward to celebrating the B’nai Mitzvah of Rabbi and Ruth-Ann Wolkoff’s twins, Eitan and Yosef; it seems like just yesterday that they were little boys in our congregation. And yet here they are – thirteen year old “men”!

We will rely on all of you to continue to be the wonderful friends and congregants we have come to know and love. We hope to see you at as many events as possible, bringing new friends and welcoming them into our extended family, as well. Participate in a committee if you can, or just offer to help when you are available. We look forward to embarking on these new phases of our lives in the company and comfort of CBT.

Shanah Tovah,  
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### CALENDAR CORRECTIONS

So far, we found two of the three errors we manage to introduce in the Calendar/Planner each year.

November 22<sup>nd</sup>  
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Bar Mitzvah of Corey Sookerman is on November 28<sup>th</sup> (not the 14<sup>th</sup>)



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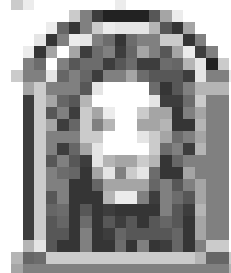
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Cost \$8 per adult, \$0 for children 2-12.  
Peanut Free dinner and dessert.

**Cannot attend the dinner?  
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# CONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH MEN'S CLUB

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MEN'S CLUB NEWS by Andrew Goldberger, V.P. Communications

## October Feature Events

### Duke Farms Interactive Eco-Tour

**Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> @ 12:45-3:30 pm.**

**Duke Farms: 1112 Dukes Pkwy W, Hillsborough Township, NJ**  
(Free Event / Bring your own picnic)

Join our very own tour guide, Craig Cohen, as he takes us on an interactive guided walk through Duke Farms. All ages welcome. Exciting activities for children, including geocaching (will need to download an app on your smartphone). Meet in front of the Orientation Center. Picnic at 12:45 p.m. Tour starts at 1:15 p.m. For more information about this event or to R.S.V.P., contact Craig Cohen at [pbgrebe2001@yahoo.com](mailto:pbgrebe2001@yahoo.com) or call at (609) 651-1265. Check for updates on the Men's Club web site.

### Softball BBQ Celebration

**Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> @ 12:15 p.m.**

**B'nai Tikvah Gymnasium**

(Suggested Donation: \$5 per person / \$15 maximum per family)  
Join the Men's Club and the B'nai Tikvah Softball team in the gymnasium to celebrate one of the most exciting seasons in years—ending just one game out of playoff contention. Featuring family activities/games in the gym, plus grill masters Marc Rosen and Andrew Goldberger will whip up the finest Kosher cuisine (ok—really just burgers and hot dogs). All are welcome. And we're looking for additional players for next season to fill the roster. For more information about this event or to R.S.V.P., contact Andrew Goldberger at [mkg@comcast.net](mailto:mkg@comcast.net) or call at (908) 472-6874. Check for updates on the Men's Club web site.

## Upcoming Feature Event

### Annual Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs "FJMC"

**Man and Youth of the Year Dinner**

**Wednesday, November 11 @ 6:00 p.m.**

**B'nai Tikvah BallRoom**

(Cost \$54 per person; \$36 for MC Members)

Features: Classical Caterers Full Buffet Dinner/Dessert/Open Bar, Minyan, & Award Ceremony. Must R.S.V.P to Steven Katz at [skatz56@aol.com](mailto:skatz56@aol.com) / 732.329.0687. Make checks payable to: CBT Men's Club (Write MOY on check). Mail to or drop into the CBT Men's Club mail slot. Also, place an ad in the FJMC Journal in honor of . . . .

Don't miss out on this Federation event and opportunity to congratulate Marc Rosen, "Man of the Year" and David Juro, our "Youth of the Year" in person! Here's more about Marc and David:

### MARC ROSEN: Men's Club "Man of the Year"

Marc and Rochelle Rosen have been members of Congregation B'nai Tikvah since 2008, although Marc actually grew up with the CBT family—his parents were members of Shari Shalom, one of the congregations which merged in the early 1980s to create B'nai Tikvah. Marc has taken an active role the past few years in helping to re-energize the Men's Club. Currently serving as Men's Club VP of Programs, he has built a slate of well-attended events relevant for all ages and interests. In 2014, Marc took on the role of Men's Club representative to the Board of Directors. In 2015, Marc was elected as VP of Ways and Means for the congregation. Marc, Director of Information Strategy at Metlife, and his wife, a first-grade teacher in East Brunswick, have one amazing son. In his spare time, Marc coaches his son's baseball and soccer teams.

### DAVID JURO: Men's Club "Youth of the Year"

David Juro has grown up as an active member of the B'nai Tikvah family, continually finding ways to lead, participate, and help. Currently, David is the USY Vice President of Israel Awareness, planning programs aimed at educating chapter members and supporting Israel. Previously, he was VP Religion/Education and Freshman Representative as well as a member of Kadima for three years. He attends Chai School, volunteers in the Religious School office and was a JCC camp counselor. This year, he led the Torah for Tots program during High Holiday services and read Haftorah on Yom Kippur. David has been a member of JTEAM, the Jewish Federation's youth philanthropy group, for three years. He has been an Honor Roll student every year at Crossroads Middle School and South Brunswick High School. David's true passion is drums, playing in a local band with friends as well as playing with the Jazz Band and Wind Ensemble at school. He also has played with the Sons of Tikvah band and joined the Purim Spiel band last year.

### Men's Club Calendar:

See the updated B'nai Tikvah Men's Club web site for all events and more details. Download a Men's Club application and join today!

#### NOVEMBER:

**November 8<sup>th</sup>:** Men's Club Meeting @ 10:00 a.m.

**November 11<sup>th</sup>:** FJMC Man and Youth of the Year Dinner

**November 12<sup>th</sup>:** Jets vs Bills on the big screen in the Kiddush Room.

#### DECEMBER:

**December 13<sup>th</sup>:** Men's Club Meeting @ 10 a.m.

**December 14<sup>th</sup>:** Latkes & Vodkas with Sisterhood.

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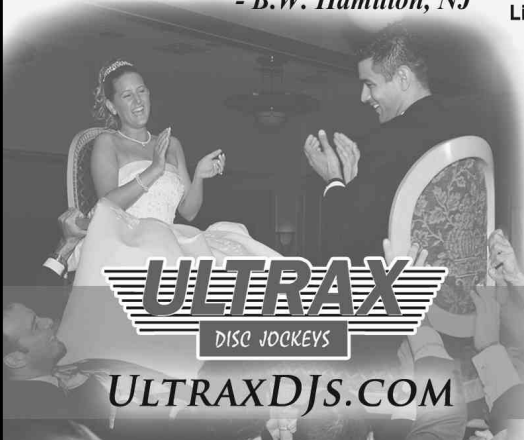
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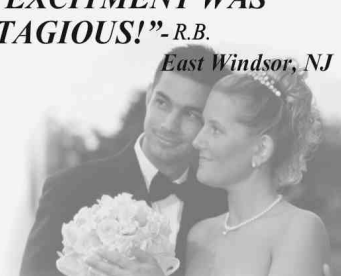
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Amanda Dillman, Advisor

## USY/KADIMA Calendar October, 2015

**Wednesday, 9/30, 6:30-8pm**

### KADIMA Sukkah Night – CBT's Sukkah

Kadima is flying solo for its first event of the year! We will have pizza for dinner in the Sukkah and awesome icebreakers and games!

**Thursday, 10/1, 7:30-9pm**

### USY Sukkah Night – Safeer's Sukkah, East Brunswick

This night promises endless rounds of Heads Up, a Sukkot art project for the kid in all of us, as well as, you guessed it, yummy food! The Safeer's address will be provided via email.

**Saturday, 10/10, Time TBD**

### USY Regional Opening Dance – East Brunswick Jewish Center

Stay tuned for details just as soon as they are received from the region. There will be no bus for this event given the proximity.

*The address of EBJC is 511 Ryders Lane, East Brunswick, NJ.*

**Sunday, 10/11, Time TBD**

### KADIMA Regional Opening Program – Summit

Stay tuned for details just as soon as they are received from the region. Please contact Amanda Dillman at [nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com](mailto:nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com) if you are not already on the email list!

**Wednesday, 10/21, Time TBD**

### USY Israeli Cultural Night – CBT Gym

We're bringing back an old favorite, complete with an obstacle course, and, of course, delicious Israeli food!

## Save These Dates!

**Tuesday, 11/10 – USY/KADIMA Make Your Own Pizza Night – CBT**

**Friday, 11/20 – Sunday, 11/22 – USY Regional Fall Kinnus – Marlboro**

**Tuesday, 11/30 – USY Game Night – CBT**

**Saturday, 12/5 – USY Regional Membership Program – TBD**

**Wednesday, 12/9 – USY/KADIMA Hanukkah Party (following CBT's Party)**

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## Dear Rabbi Wolkoff,

(In response to last month's article by the Rabbi)

I felt the need to reply to your editorial in Hakol because of my immense respect for your intellect, kindness, and wisdom. Your words have a strong and convincing effect on the congregation. In the conversations we've had and in the sermons you've delivered, you've always been thoughtful and considered, yet in this piece your argument seems weak and one-sided, ignoring all countervailing arguments.

I don't want to address every point you make but to respond to just a few: Regarding the Cairo speech, here we have a black President with Muslim ancestors who goes to a Muslim country to boldly defend the right of Israel to exist, countering the primary argument against Israel, its legitimacy to exist. He then strongly denounces Holocaust deniers to the entire Muslim world. You ignore that and focus on his unfortunate argument that Israel's right to exist is linked to suffering the Jewish people endured over centuries.

I agree that was not the best argument for him to use but, as a child, my rabbis explained to me the very same thing. That Israel was in some way recompense to the Jews for the Holocaust. So why such outrage at this common notion while completely ignoring the larger point of his speech? Namely, a robust support of Israel and a strong denunciation of Holocaust denial that he delivered directly to the Muslim world.

Yes, Obama calls on Israel to do more to promote peace than he does to Hamas or the Palestinian Authority. Is that because he's no friend of Israel or because, like most of the world, he is guilty of the soft bigotry of low expectations? Don't we have the obligation - and perhaps the political capacity - to be smarter than them in addressing the Palestinian problem?

If you were looking to write a "report card" on Obama relative to Israel you'd have to consider his larger record against the slights you mention.

Obama increased aid to Israel every single year and gave extra funding for the Iron Dome (a vital defense weapon without which Israel would have suffered immeasurably in the last two wars). Ehud Barak, Israel's former Minister of Defense, said "The Obama administration gives backing to Israel's security in a wide, all-encompassing and unprecedented manner" and "the security ties between us and the current [Obama] administration are at the highest level they have ever been. The administration is consistently strengthening the depths of Israel's security abilities."

Obama intervened when Israel's Cairo embassy was under attack, saving Israeli diplomats whose lives were at risk. He consistently defends Israel at the UN, rejected the Goldstone report, and supported Israel in the Gaza flotilla incident. He proclaimed that anti-Zionism is anti-Semitism, undermining the argument of BDS supporters.

How can we disparage him wholesale? He's not perfect, but does anyone with such a record really deserve to be maligned with such strong words as "insidiously delegitimizing the Jewish State"?

Disagree? Let's compare Obama to his predecessors.

Nixon pressured Israel not to destroy the entire Egyptian army in the Sinai war. Reagan declined to veto a number of UN resolutions criticizing Israel. He condemned the assassination of Khalil al-Wazir (a founder of Fatah). He supported the UN resolution condemning Israel for taking out the Osirak reactor in Iraq, and then suspended the sale of F-16s, stating that Israel had "violated its commitment to use the planes

only in self-defense." Reagan sold Saudi Arabia AWACS (advanced radar aircraft), ignoring Israel's and AIPAC's vehement protests, saying "It is not the business of other nations to make American foreign policy."

George W. Bush pressured Israel into accepting an independent Palestinian state living side by side with Israel (i.e. "the road map for peace.") despite staunch opposition by Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. He pressured Israel into holding elections in Gaza and to allow Hamas to run - despite Israel's prediction that Hamas would win. We know what a catastrophe that turned out to be. Lastly, in order to pressure Israel to stop settlement activities, Bush refused Israel \$10B in loan guarantees they needed to help settle Russian immigrants. Both Yitzchak Shamir and AIPAC fought Bush on this and lost.

The existential risk these actions above caused Israel is enormous, yet I don't recall many accusations that Reagan or Bush weren't friends of Israel. Quite the opposite, actually. Comparing Obama's actions to his predecessors, do you really think that HE'S the one who should make you feel "insulted" and "assaulted" for his "indefensible and dangerous campaign against Israel"? Considering Reagan's arming Israel's enemies with F-16s and Bush's refusal to guarantee \$10B in loans, weren't THEY waging an "insidious delegitimization of the Jewish state"?

You say that the result of Obama's actions are that "47% of Democrats consider Israel to be a racist state." How do we know the two are related? Correlation is not causation. Perhaps Obama is to blame. Perhaps, Israel itself is to blame for the decades of doing a stunningly horrible job at PR and at explaining its perspective? Who knows?

Perhaps, it's related to the fact that "The Good Wife" was on hiatus when the survey was taken. We don't know the cause. But most importantly, why cite the study at all? It was conducted by Frank Luntz, a Republican pollster who also happens to be recipient of the 2010 Politifact "Lie of the Year." Do you believe his findings are non-partisan? Reliable? Repeatable?

I also wanted to bring up an important and troubling observation. The loudest voices in the room when it comes to Israel advocacy are from the right. They have money, they spend it on Israel advocacy, and they are vocal. But you know first-hand as a Rabbi that the most strident voices are not always correct.

B'nai Tikvah is fortunate to have a generous, Israel-loving benefactor who provides us with Israel-related speakers and presentations. However, I fear that the programming represents only one perspective about how to support Israel. It's been a drumbeat of information representing one and only one point of view on how to be a true Zionist. I hope you agree that it has simply not been balanced.

We Americans love our country, yet we criticize its President and policies - and it doesn't make us any less patriotic. Similarly, as Jews, we can love Israel and not agree with all of its actions. One can disagree with Bibi and still be a dedicated lover and supporter of Israel. Still be a loyal Zionist.

We Jews hunger for thoughtful arguments and we ought to give all pro-Israel voices equal weight. At B'nai Tikvah our programming is part of our nourishment. I hope you agree that we owe our community a balanced diet.

Respectfully,

Steve Talmud

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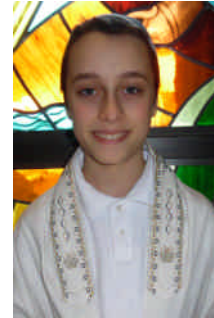
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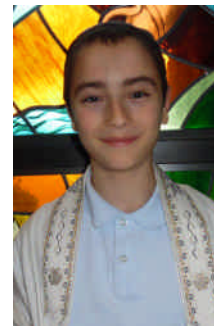


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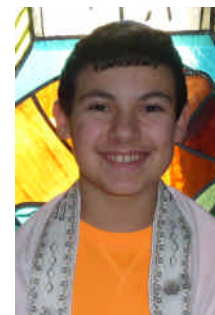
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