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From the Desk of Cantor Bruce Rockman



Upcoming Events Sunday, November 22, 7:00pm Interfaith Thanksgiving Service At B'nai Tikvah

Sunday, December 13, at 3pm World Famous Cantor Joseph Malovany In Concert

Sing A Joyous Song to God!

Since 2001 I have been honored to be the B'nai Tikvah Cantor. During these years we have had the opportunity to experience a wide variety of Jewish musical genres. We have gone from generation to generation and rejoiced with the best and most influential Jewish musicians of our times, including Debbie Freidman, Craig Taubman, Neshama Carlebach & Sam Glaser. The Rejoice Festival and the L'dor Vador concerts have been extraordinary and it will return to B'nai tikvah in May, thanks to the continued support of Cindy and David Teicher.

During these 15 years The Sons of Tikvah Band has stood with me and has always added to our holiday experiences as our house band, as well as plugging in Shabbat in the spring. In celebration of our love of Jewish music we are going to mark our good fortune with a very special concert including area cantors and musicians and headlined by world famous Cantor Joseph Malovany. We thank Dr. Naomi Vilko, the driving force behind this exceptional concert, and the Tikvah for Israel Fund for their support of this event. Joseph Malovany is an Israeli-born American <u>tenor</u> soloist. A world-famous <u>cantor</u>, serving as <u>Hazzan</u> of New York's <u>Fifth</u> <u>Avenue Synagogue</u> since 1973, and a Distinguished Professor of Liturgical Music at Philip and Sarah Belz School of Jewish Music, Yeshiva University. Malovany possesses a brilliant spinto tenor voice, described by the London Guardian as "most powerful, beautiful and expressive spinto technique...sturdy and heroic". He is the first Jewish cantor to receive this title.

Ticket information and reservations for the artist reception, which will follow the concert, will be announced shortly.

I always conclude my articles with and by the Swedish newspaper Goteborgs Posten as "Judaism's Jussi Bjorling" Biography

Born in <u>Tel Aviv</u>, <u>Israel</u>, Malovany began his career as a cantor at Tel Aviv's "Bilu" synagogue and in the <u>Israeli army</u> before stints at congregations in <u>Johannesburg</u> and <u>London</u>. While working at Fifth Avenue Synagogue and Yeshiva University for some 25 years, Malovany has toured extensively, teaching and giving concerts.

Since helping found the institution in 1989, Malovany has been Dean of the Joint Distribution Committee's Moscow Academy of Jewish Music.

Malovany's concerts have been attended by Presidents and Prime Ministers. A Lithuanian coin was issued in his honor and in 2002, Malovany was appointed Honorary Chief Cantor of Vilnius. In 1997, the Joseph Malovany Chair for Advanced Studies in Jewish Liturgical Music was established, by New York's Yeshiva University at its Belz School of Jewish Music. In January 2004, he became a commander of the Legion of Honor, Poland's equivalent of knighthood, receiving this award from the then Polish president <u>Aleksander Kwaśniewski</u> for his musical contribution to the international and Polish communitiesa quote from Psalm 100 "Worship the Lord in Gladness; come before God with joyous song". I have always felt uplifted by singing before God with you. Cantor Malovany, all of the singers and players will create a truly joyous song, may our songs soar to the heavens.

Thank you, Cantor Bruce Rockman

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A Message From Rabbi Robert Wolkoff



Dare No One Call it Dangerous?

A tremendous degree of sympathy has been expressed for the Syrian refugees. Over 12 million Syrians have been displaced from their homes, and millions of these are headed west, into Europe and the Americas.

It's not hard to understand why. One look at the picture of desperate parents trying to protect their families, or (G-d help us) the image of a drowned child on a Mediterranean beach, is enough to make us cry out. We would be less than human if we didn't.

But.

The Syrian refugees are not "just" refugees. They are not Indonesians fleeing from the aftermath of a tsunami, or Haitians forced to move after an earthquake. The Syrians are a direct threat to our safety.

Is it racist to think this way? Isn't it unfair to judge an entire group by the actions of a few? Under most circumstances, yes. Blacks, for example, come from widely diverse backgrounds, (as do we Jews). Differences between them are demonstrably extreme. Any sentence that begins with the words, "All blacks..." is almost certain to be a load of hooey. And shouldn't we Jews, if anyone, have sympathy for these desperate people? Didn't all our ancestors come to the United States from places they were fleeing? And didn't opponents of their immigration have nasty things to say about them? Yes, yes, and yes.

But our ancestors didn't come from a totalitarian state where brainwashing is the order of the day, and where indoctrination begins in the womb. And none of them had spent any of their time chanting "Death to America!" much less, "Death to the Jews!"

The Syrian refugees are the remnants of one of the most brutal and viciously anti-Semitic societies on the planet. Pew Research surveyed attitudes toward Jews in neighboring Lebanon and Jordan. The negatives were in the high nineties—and Syria is universally recognized as being even worse. The government, the media, the education system all provided the Syrian population with a steady diet of Holocaust denial (coupled with a wish the Holocaust had been more successful), descriptions of Israelis as Nazis, and even blood libels of Jews drinking the blood of non-Jews. Mustafa Tlas, former Syrian defense minister, even wrote a best-selling, if grotesque, book about it: *The Matzah of Zion*.

He is now a refugee in France.

There is absolutely no reason to believe that his raw anti-Semitism is not shared by the broader Syrian population. So what are our options? Some would like to imagine that the refugees' attitudes will be transformed under the influence of Western culture. Five million unassimilated Muslims in the *banlieues* of Paris (and in Holland, and in England, and in Sweden, etc., etc.) suggest that outcome is unlikely. In my time in Sweden, I have seen (and personally participated in) the "enlightenment" of people from Syrian and Iranian society about the lies perpetrated by their governments, and about the positive realities of Western (and Israeli) society. It is a painstaking process, one that takes years. And it is not always successful.

But shouldn't we try? Perhaps. So let's see, we're talking about several hundred thousand refugees, a number larger than the Jewish population of Ohio or Texas. And how are we going to penetrate their community? And what communal resources are we going to devote to that task? And what impact can we realistically expect to have?

I could be wrong, but I suspect we would have as much success as Woody Allen at a KKK meeting.

Yes, it is true that our tradition teaches that a real hero is the one who can turn an enemy into a friend. But like it or not, the human personality is not infinitely malleable. Despicable governments have despicable consequences, and one of them is warping the minds of their citizens. It takes monumental hubris to imagine we can wave a magic wand and change that.

To my mind, a far better solution, for them and for us, is to support the relief efforts in the Middle East. For a relatively small amount of money, we can help to provide the obvious necessities (food, clothing, shelter). And when the Syrian refugees open a box that has "Made in Israel" or "A Gift from the Jews of America" written on the side, maybe it will get them thinking—about our humanity, and theirs.

Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff

A Message From Our Co-Presidents





We recently had a good laugh reading a wonderful comic strip. The main character gets all tucked in and ready for bed: warm milk, relaxing book, perfect room temperature, eye mask, white noise and comfy sheets. The lights are turned off as he readies for a good night's sleep, when all of a sudden...the lights come on and he is visited by **The Ghost of All the Things That Can Go Wrong Tomorrow**. **The Ghost** could care less about the elaborate sleep preparations; he just pushes himself into bed with the main character, saying "Move over, I have lots to tell you."

So funny, but so true! On any given night, we are awake at ridiculous hours, fretting about something at work or in our families, or even at CBT: Will we meet our fundraising target? Will we forget the name of someone we've known for years? How will our budget be impacted if we have a dreadful winter? And yet, when we sit on the bima during the high holidays, looking out at nearly 400 B'nai Tikvah families, greeting over 20 families who are new to our community, watching the ritual committee and volunteers make the hundreds of honors seem absolutely effortless – many of our worries seem to fade away. We each have our favorite moments at synagogue during the holiest days of the year. Watching the room fill up with hundreds of men, women and children dressed for holiday and scoping out their regular seats and seatmates, and standing right next to a dozen loud shofarim, are treats. Greeting everyone at the end of each service during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, and especially during Neilah, is certainly a highlight. And spending a couple of minutes in front of the ark with our families – both biologic families and families of friends – is a joy. **The Ghost of All the Things That Can Go Wrong Tomorrow** seems to take a much needed rest while we are at synagogue; and, of course, that is the whole point of why we are there – to express our gratitude for all that we have, to atone for all that we could have done better, and to look forward to getting it right in the year to come.

We take to heart the words that we said during our Yom Kippur appeal; we are so lucky to be a part of this special CBT community – to use the modern vernacular: **#blessed**! We wish for you and your families a year of health and happiness, peace and contentment; a year that is imbued by the warmth of good friends, and enriched by the loving extended family here at B'nai Tikvah.

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

Connecting you to a community of support

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David decides to get a pet. So he goes to his local pet shop and tells the owner that he wants to buy something unusual. After some discussion, he decides to buy a rare talking centipede which comes in a little white box for use as the centipede's house.

Next day, he decides he'd like to take his new pet outside. So he goes over to the box and asks the centipede, "Would you like to go to *shul* with me today? We will have a good time."

But there is no answer from his new pet in the box. This bothers David a bit, so he waits a few minutes and then asks again, "How about going to *shul* with me and receive some blessings?"

But there is still no answer from his new pet. So David waits a few more minutes thinking about the situation and then decides to invite the centipede one last time.

This time, David puts his face right up against the centipede's box and shouts, "Hey in there! Would you like to go to *shul* with me and learn about God?"

This time, a little voice is heard from inside the box. "I heard you the first time, David! I'm putting on my shoes!"



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Why we run this program? The following is an excerpt of one of the thank you notes we received on behalf of a family we sponsored: "This family has never experienced such great generosity. They felt overjoyed and emotional upon receiving the gifts. The mother told me she was happy to see that her children finally have toys to play with so they are no longer bored at home. The teachers were commenting that they noticed the children's self esteem improve when they came to school proudly dressed in their new clothes. The children are now appropriately dressed for the weather and are even wearing socks which were noticeably missing prior to receiving the gifts. They sleep much more comfortably at night with their new blankets and their heater....." 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, and school social workers.

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.
- 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@verizonnet or call Janice at 732-940-0268

PLEASE RESPOND BY NOVEMBER 18th

SEND IN THIS FORM

Name:_____

Telephone:_____

Address:_____

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____ I want to volunteer to obtain one or more items on a family's wish list

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 18th Any questions, call Janice Baer 732-940-0268 or Jbbd11@verizon.net Forms are also on the synagogue website. Page 7 HAKOL www.bnaitikvah.org

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CONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH MEN'S CLUB SERVING THE SYNAGOGUE AND THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1983

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

How Many Jews Does It Take To Build a Sukkah? Answer: 28

The Men's Club extends thanks to the following people for helping to build the Sukkah this year: Josh Oliver; Jeremy Oliver; David Kozodoy; Craig Cohen; Scott Cohen; Marc Rosen; Howie Nass; Adam Nass; Jerry Kaufman; Michael Weiss; Rob Blackin; Steve Katz; Howard Manson; Jeff Pinsky; Andrew Cohen; Mark Rones; Steve Wolpert; Brian Berness; Brian Melcer; Ethan Wolkoff; Terry

Katz; Gordon Heit; Allan Katronetsky; Bill Greenberg; Allan Miller; Marc Binder; and Andrew Goldberger. And special thanks to honorary Men's Club member Jackie Master, who has made building the sukkah her mission the past decade. Apologies to those who showed, but we may have missed on the count.

Men's Club News

Check out the **NEW** Men's Club **NEWS**! Starting this month, you can catch up on all featured events with an updated news section on our web site, including event photos. From the B'nai Tikvah home page, just click on the "Men's Club" tile.

November Feature Events

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

There's still time to get in on this Federation event and to congratulate Marc Rosen "Man of the Year" and David Juro "Youth of Year" in person!

Features:

- Classical Caterers Full Buffet Dinner/Dessert/Open Bar
- Minyan
- Award Ceremony

Must R.S.V.P to Steven Katz at 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.

New York Jets vs Buffalo Bills: Thursday, November 12 @ 8:00ish (Game Time 8:25) B'nai Tikvah Kiddush Room Free Event / Snacks Provided

This promises to be an exciting matchup pitting the NY Jets against Rex Ryan's Buffalo Bills. Both teams are in the playoff hunt (as of the November HaKol submission deadline). Game to be shown on our state-of-the-art big screen in our beautiful Kiddush room. You won't want to watch this game anywhere else. Show up to minyan prior to the event if you want your team to win. (Note: Results not guaranteed, but it does count as a mitzvah.)

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 8th: Men's Club Meeting @ 10:00 a.m. November 11th: FJMC Man and Youth of the Year Dinner November 12th: Jets vs Bills on the big screen in the Kiddush Room

DECEMBER:

December 13th: Men's Club Meeting @ 10 a.m. December 14th: Latkes & Vodkas with Sisterhood

JANUARY: January 10th: Men's Club Meeting @ 10 a.m.

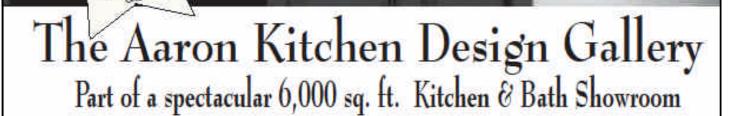
January 14th: Whiskey Night with Sisterhood/Congregation

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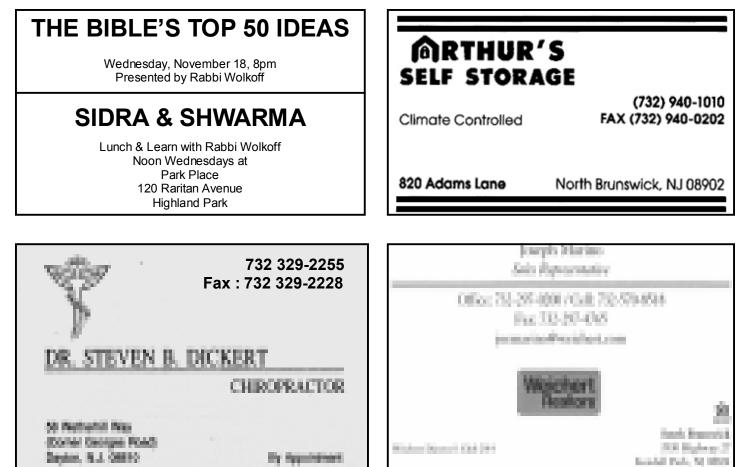
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Men's open basketball every Tuesday at 8 pm

New players welcome

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<u>This Month</u>

November 22nd, 9:15 am

Paid-up Membership brunch. Please remember to send in your membership dues as soon as possible. All paid members will be able to attend the Paid Up Membership Brunch on November 22nd. For more information, please see our ad in this edition of the Hakol. For Membership application form, please visit http://bnaitikvah.org/community-2/ sisterhood/sisterhood-membership-application/

November 22nd, 11:00 am-3:00 pm

Sisterhood is hosting a vendor fair. If you would like to purchase a space at the vendor fair, please contact Aimee Weber as soon as possible at <u>aimjweb@gmail.com</u> or 732-406-9969.

Gift Shop

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Torah Fund

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Pins and Torah Fund cards are available. For ordering information, please check the Bulletin Board or contact Ann Rosenzweig, 732-249-9141. Cards are \$5 if sent to you or \$4 if hand

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Visit the B'nai Tikvah website to order your Mitzvah Baskets and Mazel tosses. Please have your forms in one month before your mitzvah.

Mah Jongg cards

Order your Mah Jongg League cards now for you and your friends and be ready to play! For details, please look for our flyer in this edition of the Hakol on page 19.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL COMMITEE

Thanks to all who attended our first RS committee meeting. We had a great turn out and received a lot of positive feedback.

Our first event is the Barnes and Noble Book Fair on November 22nd starting at 12:30. Make sure you come out to support the Religious School and enjoy performances by our younger students. This is the perfect

opportunity to do some holiday shopping! Be sure to visit www.shopwithscrip.com to purchase your Barnes and Noble gift cards to use at the book fair. Not only will you be supporting the religious school, you'll also be raising funds for the synagogue and lowering your dues.

Save the date for our next family event, the annual Hanukkah party, which will be held on **Wednesday December 9 at 6:00**, immediately following RS. Join our sub-committee by attending our next meeting on **Sunday**, 15th at 11am to help plan a fantastic event for our children.

Suzanne and Sharon, committee co-chairs

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Mazel Tov!!!

WHEN: Wednesday, November 11th at 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: B'nai Tikvah, 1001 Finnegans Lane, North Brunswick, NJ (Classical Caterers Full Buffet Dinner/Dessert/Open Bar, Minyan, & Award Ceremony)

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Pizza, latkes and other holiday treats! Sing your family menorah/Chanukiyah for our Congregational Candle Lighting – we'll provide the candles! Chanukah Sing-along with our Religious School students and The Sons of Tikvah Band

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TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ CONTACT ME – I'D LOVE TO HELP WITH THIS EVENT!	4 2 2 7 7



The JCC Early Childhood Center At Congregation B'nai Tikvah

Jennifer James, Director of Education

We enjoyed apple picking recently on a beautiful fall day at Giamarese Farms. This was the perfect ending to our fall holiday season, which also included trips to the Sukkah and a beautiful Simchat Torah parade through the school and around the sanctuary.

As we look forward to Thanksgiving, we spend time with the children talking about concepts of gratitude and generosity. Their young souls are naturally very generous and kind, and our teachers use praise and positive messages and their own examples to further nurture these instincts. We look forward to our annual Thanksgiving feast, complete with turkey decorations and songs that the children prepare for their parents and treats that they bake in school together!

This is also a time for me to reflect on all that I am grateful for, and high up on that list are the wonderful teachers who grace our school every day. Watching their dedication and patience, and the sheer joy they take in spending time with the children, is inspiring to me. To Rachelle and Saloni, Carol and Ann, Marlene and Suzana and Lori and Becki – thank you!

B'shalom,

Jennifer

Please Join Us for Sisterhood's Paid-Up Membership Event

Champagne & Shopping!

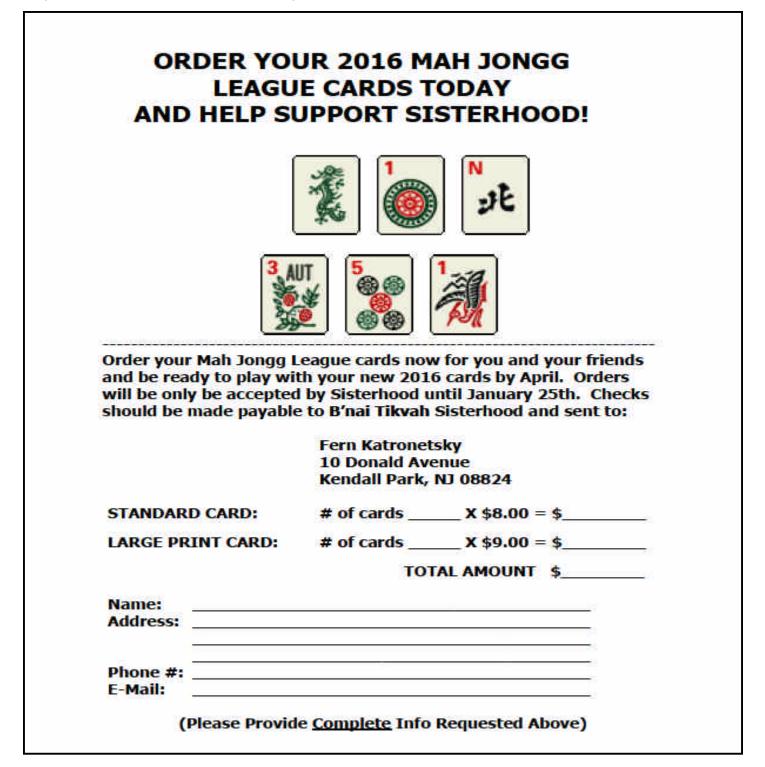
Congregation B'nai Tikvah

Sunday, November 22, 2015 at 9:15 in the Morning

Please RSVP by November 12 to Melissa Kessler at Melissa.dara.kessler@gmail.com or 617 869-1422

Do not miss this opportunity to enjoy a delicious brunch and get a jump on your Chanukah Shopping!

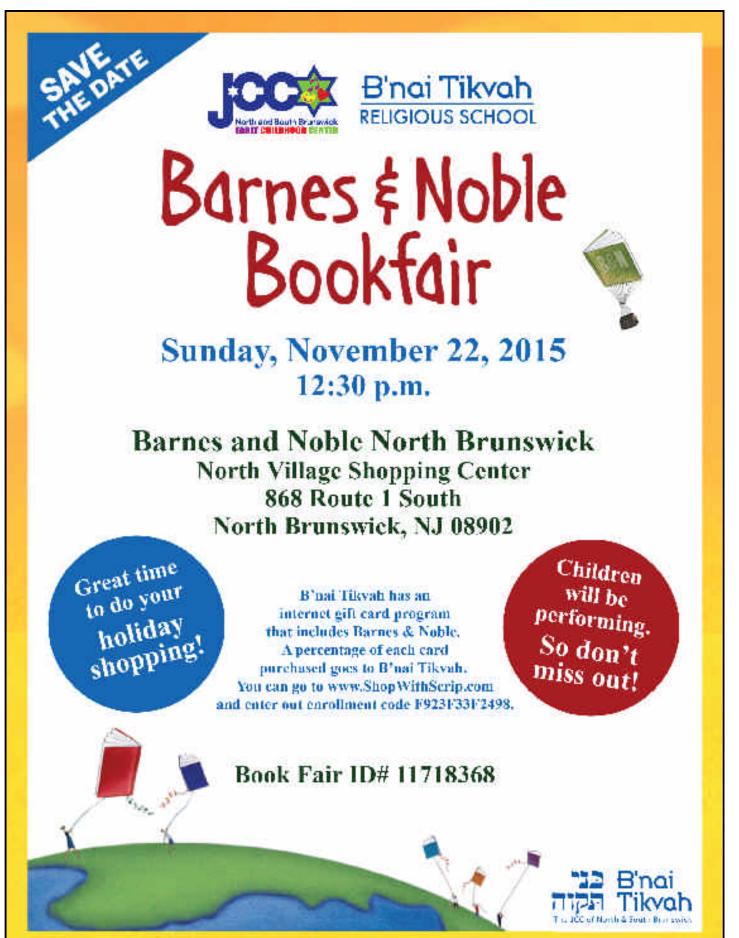


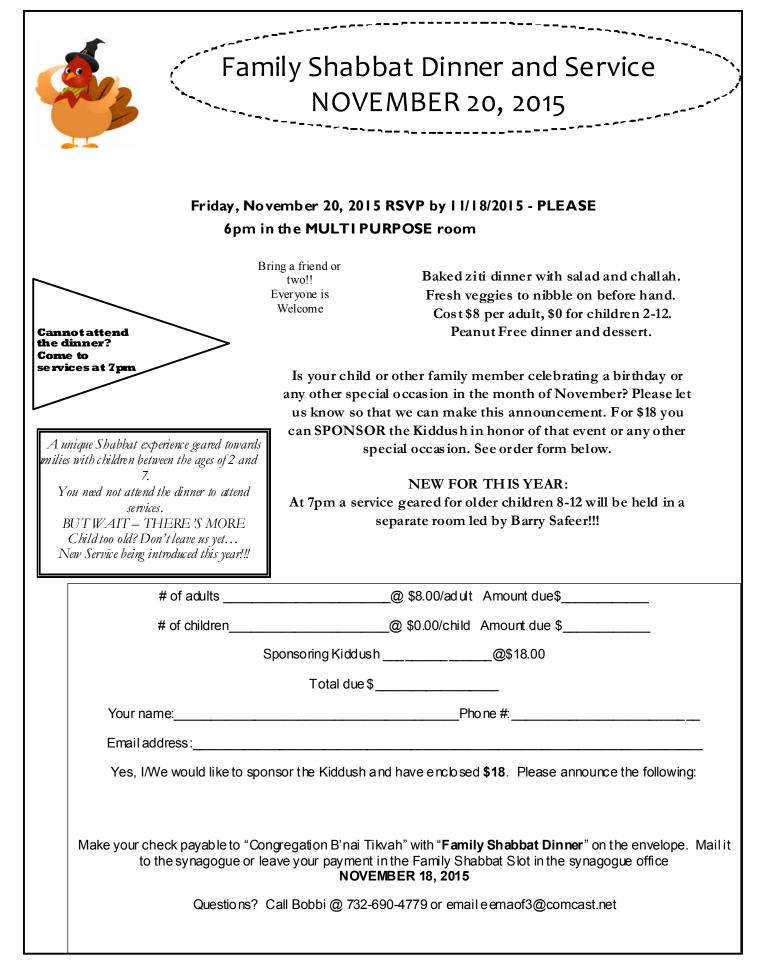


THANK YOU

A special thank you to Joyce Fishelberg, Bill Greenberg, Beverly Leipzig-Silien, Jeryl Roller, Mae Rubinstein & Jay Scheuer for making October birthday calls.

A special thank you to Jay Scheuer for his amazing prayer book repairs and to Phyllis Pinsky for doing beautiful calligraphy for B'nai Mitzvah and Baby Naming certificates.





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KADIMA UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mon 11/30 – Kadima Make Your Own Pizza Night – CBT Gym/ Kitchen (6:30-8pm)

We'll provide the ingredients, the kids will do the cooking! We'll be making our own personalized pizzas and while they're cooking, play a few games in the gym. This is sure to be a delicious crowd pleaser! Event is free of charge.

Wed 12/9 – USY/Kadima Hanukkah Party (after CBT Hanukkah Party)

We are bringing Kadima & USYers together after the CBT Hanukkah

party. As usual, we will host a dreidel tournament with an awesome prize, have some yummy gelt, and play a Hanukkah-inspired trivia game. If you wan win gelt (and other cool prizes) how can you not have fun?! Plan to pick up around 8pm (depending on what time we are able to depart from the CBT Hanukkah party). Event is free of charge.

Sun 12/20 – Kadima Monster Mini Golf – Edison (3-5:30pm) Kadimanicks will get together to enjoy a very special and super fun version of mini-golf. Please have the kids eat lunch before they come. We'll spend 2-2.5 hour at the mini golf location. The address is 775 Route 1 South, Edison - located in the Shop-Rite shopping center) and the cost is TBD, but will need each Kadimanick to come with cash. Further details will come via email from <u>nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com</u>

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Amanda Dillman, Advisor



UPCOMING USY EVENTS:

Tues 11/10 – USY Game Night – Youth Lounge (7-8:30pm) USYers will provide the board games, we will provide the snacks, and there rest will be board game history!

Fri-Sun 11/20-11/22 – USY Regional Fall Kinnus – Marlboro Please email me at nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com if you need the application!

Sat 12/5 – USY Regional Membership Program – details TBD Location has not yet been announced. I will be in touch via email regarding a bus (pending location) and other details.

Wed 12/9 – USY/Kadima Hanukkah Party (after CBT Hanukkah Party)

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Mon 12/21 – USY Monster Mini Golf – Edison (7pm-9:30pm)

The USY board requested this location specifically and everyone is really looking forward to this one! We'll spend 2-2.5 hour at the mini golf location. The address is 775 Route 1 South, Edison - located in the Shop-Rite shopping center) and the cost is TBD, but will need each USYer to come with cash. Further details will come via email from nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com

Watch your emails for updates & we will make sure to update the bulletin boards as well as the year goes on! In next month's HaKol, we will be announcing our event dates for Jan/Fed/Mar 2016!

Please contact Amanda Dillman, Youth Groups Director, at NSBRUNSWICKUSY@GMAIL.COM to be added to the mailing list!

CBT Religious School and CBT Chai



Jennifer James, Director of Education

During our first few months of Religious School, the classes have engaged in learning that goes beyond the High Holy Days.

Our Alef students are learning to read, and their progress is incredible – as is the pride they feel with what they are accomplishing, as they can already read simple Hebrew words. The Dalet students are preparing to learn about American Jewish history by first considering their own personal and family heritage. CBT Chai is learning about Israel while playing matkot (paddle ball, a huge beach sport in Israel) and learning Krav Maga (Israeli self-defense), and learning about the intersection between food and Judaism while making cheese blintzes and helping at Elijah's Promise.

In every class, experiential learning such as this is complementing *t'filah* education and discussions about the weekly parsha (Torah portion). Our teachers regularly send messages to parents with information about what they are doing in class. We hope that these communications are helpful to parents in understanding and participating in their children's Jewish education.

As part of our *t'filah* education, we are continuing the tradition of school-wide *t'filah* that we started last year. All of our students from Alef through Dalet are engaging in beautiful prayer services led by our Bet teacher, Spencer Rockman, every Wednesday afternoon. I love to pray with them in the Beit Midrash, and when I close my eyes and listen to the sound of all their young voices saying the words and chanting the melodies of our people, I feel profoundly moved and grateful.

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The Religious School is running a number of fundraising activities in the hopes of updating our technology resources for the classrooms – laptops, tablets, whiteboards, and projectors all are important elements of the educational experience, and we want to provide our students and teachers with the up-to-date technology that will improve learning at every age. Please consider participating in one of these fundraisers:

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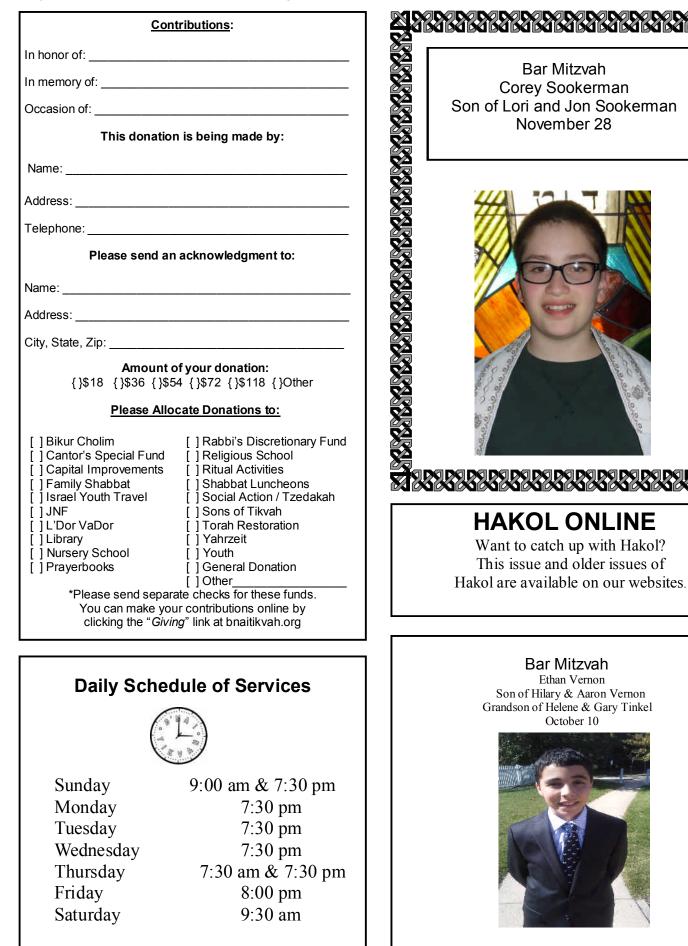
In addition, please join us on Sunday, November 22 at 12:30 at Barnes & Noble on Route 1 in North Brunswick for our annual Book Fair. Students from the Religious School will be performing a few songs, and a portion of the proceeds from everything you purchase will go towards our school. The Book Fair is just in time for Chanukah shopping! *B'shalom*, Jennifer Page 23

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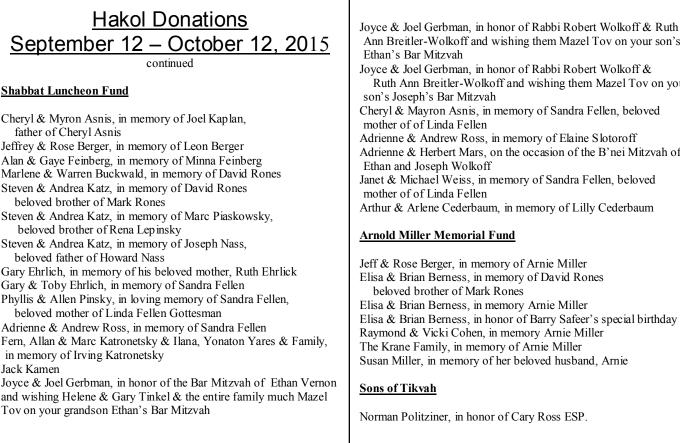
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