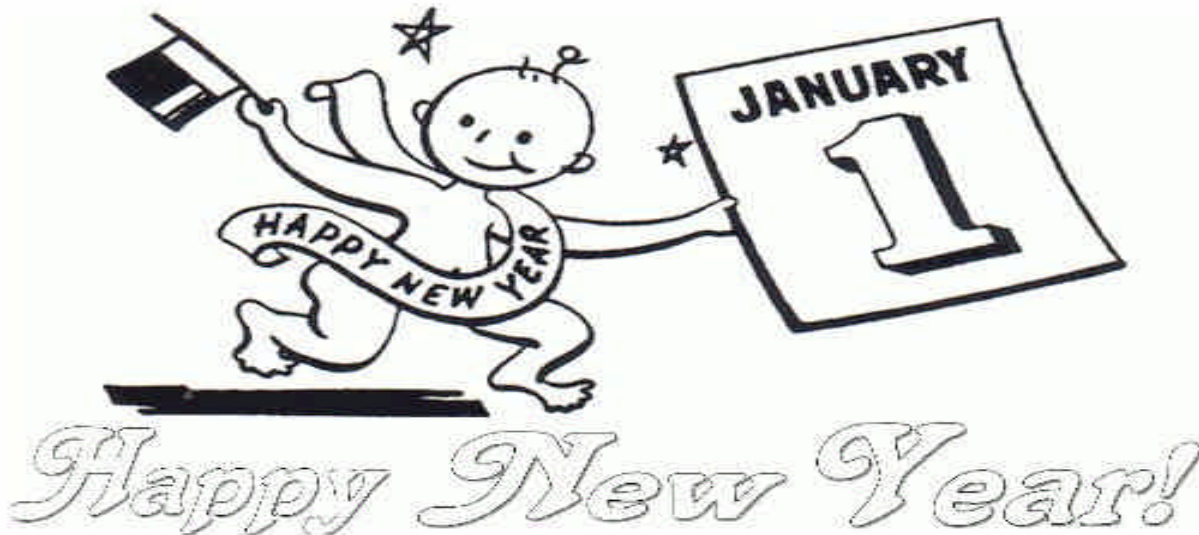


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## From the Desk of Cantor Bruce Rockman



### It Was a Great Day!

On Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, our shul was filled with magnificent music, warm memories, and a soaring spiritual presence, thanks to Cantor Joseph Malovsky.

I'm so pleased that the concert was so well received by the capacity audience. We floated through an afternoon that was reminiscent of the old days and a revelation to so many who had the opportunity to experience classical cantorial music for the first time.

Seeing all of the happy faces after the concert was just so satisfying and validating. We are so blessed to have benefactors such as Dr. Naomi Vilko, Cindy and David Teicher, Mark and Judy Roller, and Aaron Rosloff, of blessed memory, who imagined Rejoice. All of them have enabled our artistic expression at B'nai Tikvah. As I've written to you before, there are many styles of Jewish music, classical, cantorial, Jewish rock, choral, klezmer, reggae, big band and folk. It is my mission to present them all to you and for each of us to find the genre that motivates your spiritual journey.

I love them all, as witnessed by my rather large and eclectic collection of cds, records, tapes (yes, I still have all of those mixed tapes), and ever-growing digital collection. When it comes down to it, the style I love best is folk rock, with lots of acoustic guitars.

With this in mind, I am trying to find the perfect group that will be satisfying to so many of us. On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, L'Dor Vador will return to the B'nai Tikvah bima. I am hopeful that I will be able to confirm the artist very soon. As I'm writing, I am awaiting a phone call from one great group that is talented and performs the coolest Jewish music. I'll let you know if it works out and share some of their music as soon as possible.

Look for my upcoming musical events at B'nai Tikvah, such as the Shabbat Shirah Sing Along, The Falafel Ball, and Friday Night Plugged-In in the spring.

In the meantime, I need your help to organize and envision our L'Dor Vador extravaganza for May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please contact me if you are ready to help out.

#### SPECIAL THANKS

Larry Cohen for all of your help and support with ticket sales, set up and holding my hand.

Candice Botnick for handling the press releases and communicating with the community.

David Kozodoy for contacting all area synagogues and distributing our flyers.

Kim Riemann for [www.bnaitikvah.org/concert](http://www.bnaitikvah.org/concert)

Allison Nagelberg for reassuring and keeping me calm.

Rabbi Wolkoff, who always knew everything would be all right.

Thank you greeters and ushers, Stacey (what a way to celebrate our anniversary), Cindy Gittleman, you're fun to be with and always there for us, and Dr. Sidney Goldfarb, the newest member of our event staff, good job rookie.

Thank you to Lynne and Terez in the office for handling the reservations and daily inquiries.

Thank you to a special group of guys, The Sons of Tikvah Band, including Ira Marshall, Neal Gittleman, Jerry Silver, Norm Politziner and our newest member, David Juro. You all sounded great!

I'll see you in shul.

Worship the Lord with Joy and Gladness,  
Cantor Bruce Rockman



The two Cantors



## A Message From Rabbi Robert Wolkoff



We find ourselves now in the period between Chanukah and Purim. There's no special name for this time. It's not like the time for counting the *omer*, which links the holiday of political redemption—Passover—with the holiday of spiritual redemption—Shavuot. And it's not like the ten days of penitence, which links Rosh Hashanah, the New Year, with Yom Kippur, when, through repentance, we become New People.

There is, nevertheless, a link between Chanukah and Purim. These are holidays that are not mentioned in the Torah. Purim comes at the very end of the Bible, based on the events in the Book of Esther, one of the last books in the canon. Chanukah is not even mentioned in the Bible. It occurred at the very end of the biblical period, missing the deadline, so to speak. But these holidays captured, and continue to hold, the imagination of the Jewish people.

Why?

Chanukah tells the story of the redemption of the Jewish people. More particularly, it tells the story of our struggle to live our lives as Jews, true to our ethnic, political, and religious identity. Purim tells a similar story, but seen from the other end. It tells of the near annihilation of our people, based on the false and anti-Semitic accusation that we live so differently that we deny the authority of the society in which we live. In the Book of Esther, the society in question is ancient Persia. But the accusation that we are both different and disloyal has echoed through the ages.

As American Jews, these holidays have a special resonance. The lights of Chanukah served to reassure George Washington during the bitter winter at Valley Forge, and Paul Revere is reputed to have had the nickname, "the modern Maccabee." A bust of Judah Maccabee sits in a position of honor at West Point.

Purim, on the other hand, is an anything-but-subtle reminder to us to celebrate the fact that, in America, Haman's genocidal accusation is completely unacceptable "There is a certain people, scattered and dispersed among the other peoples... whose laws are different from those of any other people and who do not obey the kings' laws, and it is not in your Majesty's interest to tolerate them," Here, in the land of the free and home of the brave, religious freedom (even for those whose "laws are different") is virtually absolute.

We aren't "tolerated." Neither is any other religious group. We, and they, are here by right, not by sufferance.

And that fact requires us to condemn, in no uncertain terms, the raw anti-Muslim bigotry expressed recently by Donald Trump, and all-too-many of his supporters. As you surely know, I am anything but politically correct. I have not hesitated to condemn by name radical Islamic terrorism (and condemn President Obama for refusing to do so). On these very pages, I have expressed my hesitations about the refugees from Syria. So my views are demonstrably anything but naïve or Pollyanna-ish. As Jews and as Americans, we do have something to be afraid of, and as I have said many times before, I don't believe the Muslim community is addressing the problem adequately.

But there is a world of difference between these views and the suggestions that Muslims—American citizens!—should have to register in a national database and be issued special i.d. cards, or that mosques should be closed; or that no Muslims may enter the United States "until our country's representatives can figure out what is going on."

Whenever that will be! Waiting for our clueless politicians "to figure out what is going on" may be the ultimate example of a fool's errand.

As I said, raw and inexcusable bigotry. To drive the point home, imagine if anyone—anyone—dared to suggest that Jews should be forced to carry a special i.d. card, identifying us as Jews. We would stop at nothing to make sure they were drummed out of political life. For us, "Your papperz. Ver ahr your papperz?!" has become some kind of sick joke, something out of *Hogan's Heroes*.

For our Muslim fellow-citizens, it's suddenly and ominously no joke. So it must no longer be a joke for us, either. It is certainly in our best interest to defend their rights because, in doing so, we defend our own. And I would suggest that any Jew who thinks otherwise, who imagines that such Draconian laws wouldn't come back to bite us, needs to take a refresher course in Jewish history.

But over and above our own parochial concerns, we as Americans should be appalled at this desecration (there's no better word for it) of our values. As I said at our local mosque the other evening, my father of blessed memory, as patriotic a man as I have ever known, a man who devoted his life to both civic duty and the fight against anti-Semitism, is rolling in his grave at the thought that our political "leaders" could stoop so low. Shame on them. And shame on any of us who shirk our duty.

As Mordechai says to Esther in the Book of Esther, "Don't think that you will escape with your life by being in the king's palace." Don't imagine that because we Jews have "arrived" in America, we are at liberty to ignore discrimination against those who have not.

Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff



## A Message From Our Co-Presidents



We've recently read the astounding news that Mark Zuckerberg and his wife, Priscilla Chan, will give to charity 99% of their Facebook shares – currently valued at \$45 billion – during their lifetime...leaving them about \$450 million to live on. Wow!

Most of us will never know that kind of wealth. We all do know that tzedakah, generosity, and helping worthy causes are primary Jewish values and that everyone can contribute in a way that is personally meaningful to them. We know that some of our ancestors may have had very little means, but they always made another place at the table for someone in need, and always found a way to share what they had.

Here at B'nai Tikvah, there are many ways to give, at any level, in order to ensure that our synagogue is here for

generations to come. Simply buying scrip – for purchases at supermarkets or at any of the hundreds of other retail shopping outlets that now participate – is one of the easiest ways to contribute.

Taking out an ad for our February gala – Gala in the Galilee – is another wonderful way to help; the ad can be anything from a greeting line for \$36 to a larger amount. All Gala contributions not only help CBT, but also demonstrate support for our very worthy honorees: Ambassador Danny Ayalon, our own Jeff and Marcia Schwartz, and our Honorable Menschen – Steve Juro and Lauren Cohen.

When we next think about Facebook – and many of us think about that several times a day – let's think about the true meaning of "sharing" and do what we can to emulate Zuckerberg and Chan in whatever way we can.

Best wishes for a happy New Year.

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

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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

Have you noticed the increasing presence of the Men's Club in the past year?

Won't you consider joining as a member today?

Here's an update on **Membership, Programs, and Communications.**

### Membership ..

The Men's Club is an integral part of our synagogue. Our mission is simple:

**To strengthen and support our Congregation and our Jewish values, while providing opportunities to develop friendships, learn, and have fun.**

We hope that you will consider becoming part of this very special group of men dedicated to providing service to our synagogue, and helping it to prosper and grow. Our annual dues are only \$36. And your involvement is up to you. Your dues help us tremendously in providing activities and service to the synagogue. Please complete the membership form on the next page and send it in with your payment. Application is also online by clicking on the Men's Club on the B'nai Tikvah web site.

*(Contact: Craig Cohen, V.P. Membership, pbgrebe2001@yahoo.com)*

### Programs..

There is a place and program for every age group. Since August, we've seen a resurgence in attendance at our events. More than 50 people traveled with us to **Jewish Heritage Night** at Trenton Thunder and close to 30 volunteers helped us **Raise the Roof**. We've also had great times at our **Duke Farms Eco-Tour** and at **Latkes & Vodkas** with the Sisterhood. Join us later this month for **Whiskey Night** (information online). And sports fans will want to attend our special breakfast program, **Talking Baseball** (book included), in April.

We hope that you participate in our social activities as well as perform supportive services for the synagogue, such as the **World-Wide Wrap, Yom Hashoah Candle** program, and **Men's Club Shabbat**.

Your input is always welcome. We're looking forward to an exciting year with your support!

*(Contact: Marc Rosen, V.P. Programs, marcr58187@aol.com)*

**Communications** It's easier than ever to find the most up-to-date Men's Club news.

Continue to check out our monthly articles in HaKol and our updated presence on the B'nai Tikvah website. And, most importantly, attend our monthly Men's Club meetings on selected Sunday mornings after minyan. It's your opportunity to find out what going on first-hand and to be an active participant. All are welcome to attend!

*(Contact: Andrew Goldberger, V.P. Communications, mkag@comcast.net)*

If you have any questions or ideas, please feel free to contact Steve Katz, Men's Club President at 732.329.0687 ([skatz56@aol.com](mailto:skatz56@aol.com)) or any of the V.P.s listed above. If you want to participate, in any capacity, remember that the doors are always open at CBT and the Men's Club. Thank you in advance for your support.

### **Men's Club Calendar:**

The following are Men's Club events and meetings from January through May.

See the updated B'nai Tikvah Men's Club website for more details.

Download a Men's Club application and join today!

### **JANUARY:**

**January 10<sup>th</sup>:** Men's Club Meeting

**January 14<sup>th</sup>:** Whiskey Night

### **FEBRUARY:**

**February 7<sup>th</sup>:** World-Wide Wrap

**February 21<sup>st</sup>:** Men's Club Meeting

### **MARCH:**

**March 6<sup>th</sup>:** Yom Hashoah Candle (Preparation)

**March 6<sup>th</sup>:** Men's Club Meeting

### **APRIL:**

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Breakfast Series—Talking Baseball

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Men's Club Meeting

### **MAY:**

**May 8<sup>th</sup>:** Men's Club Meeting

**May 13<sup>th</sup>:** Men's Club Shabbat



## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

We want to thank all the families and children who participated in the Barnes and Noble Book Fair. A huge thank you to Morah Stacey and Morah Rachel for helping the children prepare for their musical performances. We also want to thank the following people who volunteered to help in the planning of the Religious School Chanukah Party – Rochelle Rosen, Michelle Wilson, Aimee Weber, Michelle Melcer, Mindy Austein, Andrea Kozondoy, Melanie Goldberger, Lauren Cohen, Joella Sperber.... Without you we would not have been able to make our party the success that it was!

We also extend a special thank you to the Cohen family for the donation of the juice.

Just a few reminders... We will be starting our Passover Sedar Planning in January We welcome anyone who would like to come join us... It is our biggest annual event and the most fun to plan. Please be on the look-out for a Constant Contact email with the next meeting date. We hope you can make it! Moms and Dads are welcome .

Thank you for all you do and we look forward to seeing you soon!

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#### Sun 1/24 – USY & Kadima Roller Skating – Woodbridge (1-3pm)

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#### Sun, 2/14 – Kadima Ice Skating – Edison (1-3pm)

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#### Fri 2/19 & Sat 2/20 – USY & Kadima Shabbat – CBT

This will be an event to remember! USY & Kadima are joining forces for an awesome NSB USY & Kadima Shabbat Weekend! USYers & Kadima-niks will lead Friday night services and share a delicious meal with their parents. One Shabbat morning, we'll lead Shacharit and invite the congregation for lunch. After that, club members will hang out in the Youth Lounge and play games before Mincha/Ma'ariv and Havdalah to end the weekend.

#### Sun 3/6 – Regional Kadima Day

#### Fri 3/18-Sun 3/20 – Kadima 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Shabbaton – CBT

*We are looking for parent volunteers to host kids for the 8th Grade Shabbaton. Please contact me at [nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com](mailto:nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com) if you can host a few children for the weekend.*

#### Sun 3/27 – Congregation B'nai Tikvah Purim Carnival

#### Sun 4/10 – Regional Kadima Rollerama

#### Sun 4/17 – Rutgers Fit 5K

#### Fri 5/20-Sun 5/22 – Regional Kadima Spring Weekend



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Contact Stacey Rockman [staceyrockman@yahoo.com](mailto:staceyrockman@yahoo.com)

## WHAT???

\*The remarkable thing about my mother is that for 30 years she served us nothing but leftovers.

The original meal has never been found. - Calvin Trillin

\* God, I know we are your chosen people, but couldn't you choose somebody else for a change? - Shalom Aleichem

\* I have enough money to last me the rest of my life unless I buy something. - Jackie Mason

\* A committee is a group that keeps minutes and loses hours. - Milton Berle

\* When I bore people at a party, they think it is their fault. - Henry Kissinger



Amanda Dillman, Advisor

## USY EVENTS FOR JANUARY 2016!

**Fri 1/8 – Sat 1/9 – USY Regional Freshman Shabbaton – Staten Island**

**Sat 1/9 – USY Regional SA/TO Dance – Staten Island (8-11pm)**

**Wed 1/13 – USY Chinese Food & Movie Night – Youth Lounge (6:30-9pm)**

Bring some SA/TO money to vote for your favorite movie! The movie that raises the most money is the movie we will watch. The cost of this event is \$5 per USYer.

**Sun 1/24 – USY & Kadima Roller Skating – Woodbridge (1-3pm)**

**Woodbridge Community Center is located at 600 Main St, Woodbridge**

Join us for a fun afternoon of roller skating! The cost is TBD and I will provide full details via email. Need to get on my email list? Email me at nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com

**Fri 1/29 & Sat 1/30 – USY Regional Senior Shabbaton – Highland Park**

### SAVE THE DATE!

**Fri 2/5-Sun 2/7 – USY Regional Mid-Winter Convention – West Orange**

**Fri 2/19 & Sat 2/20 – USY & Kadima Shabbat – CBT**

This will be an event to remember! USY & Kadima are joining forces for an awesome NSB USY & Kadima Shabbat Weekend! USYers & Kadimanicks will lead Friday night services, we'll bring the parents in for a delicious meal, they will continue to lead Shacharit and invite the congregation for a luncheon. After that the kids will hang out in the Youth Lounge & play games before Mincha/Ma'ariv to end the weekend!

**Mon 2/29 – USY Lazer Tag – Bonkerz (6:30-8:30pm)**  
Bonkerz is located at 4436 Route 27, Kingston

**Sat 3/5 – USY Regional Jr/Sr Prom – East Windsor**

**Thurs 3/17 – USY Pre-Purim Planning/Pizza Party – CBT (7-9pm)**

**Sun 3/27 – Congregation B'nai Tikvah Purim Carnival**

**Fri 4/8-Sun 4/10 – USY Regional Spring Convention – Somerset**

**Tues, 4/19 – USY Pre-Pesach Pasta Dinner – TBD – 7-8:30pm**

**Sun 4/17 – Rutgers Fit 5k**

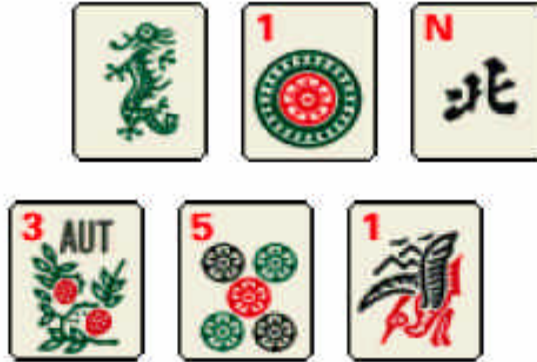
**Sat 5/14 – USY Regional Closing Dance – Millburn**



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## CBT Religious School and CBT Chai

Jennifer James, Director of Education



Although it is only January, it is not too early to begin thinking about Purim! Our Purim program last year was a great success, and we are going to build on it for this year. Following our Beatles-themed Purim Schpiel last year, we would like to do another musical schpiel, and we are inviting all students in our school to participate. Be on the lookout for e-mails and announcements setting the dates for auditions and rehearsals. Everyone who auditions will be cast!

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This winter, our CBT Chai students are embarking on a two-month Holocaust studies seminar. This is obviously a serious topic, but our take on it is different from the Holocaust classes that parents and grandparents might remember. Many of our teens already have a basic historical understanding of the Holocaust, and we will not belabor that during our time together. Rather, we will spend our time answering these questions:

### *How could such a thing happen?*

What was the historical context of anti-Semitism? How did things progress from early limitations on Jewish

involvement in daily life to the Final Solution? What does it mean when people are bystanders to unfolding evil?

### **What resistance was there?**

What were the many ways in which Jews resisted actions to destroy both body and spirit? Who were the upstanding non-Jewish who stepped forward to do the right thing?

### **Who are the survivors?**

What has life been like for survivors and their families? How has the human spirit allowed them to create new lives, and at what cost?

### **What can we do to be sure that "Never Again" is a reality for Jews and for any other people or group?**

Meeting survivors and taking a trip to the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York will be significant experiences in this seminar.

Our teens tackle serious subjects every day, in school and in their personal lives. Helping them to process this particular subject – to comprehend the incomprehensible in a way that feels relevant to them, and in a safe space – is critical to the formation of their Jewish identity and deeply important to me as a Jewish educator.

*B'shalom,*  
Jennifer



## The JCC Early Childhood Center At Congregation B'nai Tikvah

Jennifer James, Director of Education

It is enrollment time at the ECC! This month, we are opening enrollment for our Summer Camp and for the 2016-17 school year.

### **Summer Camp – June 27-August 19**

Our camp program runs for 8 weeks – choose as many weeks as work for your schedule! We will have full-day and half-day options, with early and late care also offered for those whose work schedules need it.

Exciting weekly themes such as Knights and Princesses, Mad Science, Construction and Cities, and Inventor's Workshop keep our campers active and learning and having fun all summer long. Water play, gardening, and other outdoor adventures make it a true camp experience!

### **2016-17 School Program**

Our school year will start on Wednesday, September 7, for children ages 2 ½ through Pre-Kindergarten. Our school offers a strong academic curriculum, experienced and loving teachers, great facilities, and weekly specials. Our Jewish curriculum includes weekly Shabbat celebrations, all the Jewish holidays, Jewish music, and Hebrew words.

We offer flexible scheduling options and full-day childcare. Early-bird rates are available now through March, and we offer significant discounts to children and grandchildren of congregants!

We also are implementing a new program offering: childcare for working parents between the end of camp and the beginning of school. Our excellent school in the heart of B'nai Tikvah also can be your year-round childcare solution.

I would be happy to give you a tour and talk to you about our wonderful staff and programs, so please contact me or refer your friends and neighbors! Keeping our Early Childhood Center strong helps strengthen our entire B'nai Tikvah community!

*B'shalom,*  
Jennifer

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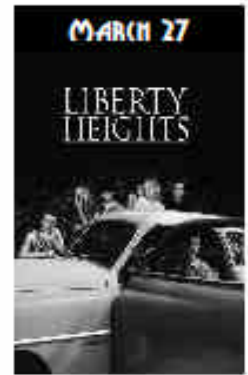


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