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## From Rabbi Robert Wolkoff



This is a story about the plaque I didn't want.

We were privileged to host the Jewish National Fund Central Jersey Regional breakfast a few weeks ago. Over 300 people attended, and we were honored by a speech by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, one of America's leading Jewish teachers. It was a wonderful morning and, as usual, our many guests were amazed at what we can do here at CBT.

*Mitten drinnen*, as my bubbe used to say, in the middle of everything, they call me up to give me a plaque honoring me for my work with JNF. I was so shocked, it was so unexpected, that I was literally at a loss for words.

Doesn't happen to me much.

So I stood there with a dumb grin on my face, posed for the traditional picture, and said nothing. Only later, after I had recovered from the shock, did I realize there was something that needed to be said. Had I had my wits about me, I would have said this:

“This is truly an undeserved honor. Yes, I am an official JNF Rabbi for Israel.

Big deal. It shouldn't be a shock to anyone that a rabbi supports Israel.

What matters far more is that I belong to a Congregation for Israel. It is the congregation

that agrees to host the JNF breakfast. It is our congregants who serve as table captains (our co-presidents Ruth Anne Koenick and Allison Nagelberg, as well as Sam Fisher, Alan Kane,

Adrian and Anne Kroll, and my wife Ruth-Ann Breitler all captained one or more tables). It is our congregants (too many to mention) who volunteer to staff the tables and serve as guides and hosts to the hundreds that were in attendance. And it is our congregants who continue to pour hundreds of thousands of dollars into JNF's amazing infrastructure projects.

I could accomplish precisely none of that myself. So I will cherish this plaque, but I accept it only in recognition of the tremendous efforts made by all of us here at B'nai Tikvah.

And may we go from strength to strength.”

That's what I should have said, and if there was anyone who felt slighted by the recognition given to me alone, I want to apologize for not reacting sooner. I just didn't see it coming.

There's an old southern adage that says, “Ain't none of us smart as all of us.” A variant on the theme is, “Ain't none of us can do what all of us can do.” Israel, the Jewish people, and Judaism itself need all of us.

I'm just happy to be a part of all of us here at CBT. That's what I'm really proud of. Forget the plaques.

Shalom,  
Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff

## From the Desk of Cantor Bruce Rockman

### It's Okay to be Tired, Just Do It!



Thanks to facebook, Stacey and I found an irresistible deal from El AL, including flights and hotels for 3 days in Jerusalem and 3 days in Tel Aviv, for less than the typical price of airfare. We had to accept their offer. I really do not know how people travel to Israel for just a few days or a week and continue to function; at the end of February Stacey and I did just that.

We were determined to get away to celebrate our 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Although we both craved rest and relaxation, we decided to be carefree in Israel instead, because Israel is our happy place that gives context to our lives, the lives that we live professionally, as parents, and partners. Besides visiting some of our favorite places in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, we had the opportunity to catch up with some old friends, a few by design and others by chance. Although we were tired a lot of time, we were also on a continuous high.

One such encounter during our first of many bountiful Israeli hotel breakfasts, allowed us to fulfill our intention to do an Act of Chessed during our visit. We got more than we ever expected, as we spent a day at the Hadassah Hospital in Ein Kerem, a suburb of Jerusalem, hosted by Barbara Goldstein, a prominent Hadassah executive who is an old friend from Metuchen. Barbara arranged a tour of the hospital, visits with patients and staff. Barbara also provided a private explore of the beautiful, magnificent, glorious, Chagall stained glass windows.

Hadassah is a most modern and extremely busy hospital. Like the hospitals that we are familiar with, its easy to get lost, there are many new wings, towers and smart elevators helping guests and patients alike navigate the city that is this cutting edge facility. A multi level shopping mall is attached to the hospital providing convenience to staff, visitors and patients

Hadassah exudes strength and resilience, the epitome of Israeli ingenuity and perseverance. Stacey and I were privileged to observe incredible work that Hadassah contributes to daily life in Israel, and hopefully our presence brought some small measure of comfort and support to our hosts.

It's never the wrong time to visit Israel; it is our home, and our security blanket, our happy place and our inspiration. I'm renewed, but I'm still a little tired.

**And then we came home**, we returned in time to celebrate the bat mitzvah of Lauren Melcer, who made us all proud. A joyous Purim celebration followed, highlighted by the flawless reading of the megillah, with a great contribution of our religious school students who chanted the first chapter. We were also treated to a special performance, highlights from "Hamilton, the Purim Version", directed by our maestro Marty Angstreich, the cast was marvelous! Packages of sweets were exchanged, Sisterhood's misloach manot were everywhere, and the warm feeling of our community was overflowing. We have so much to be proud of at B'nai Tikvah!

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## HAKOL

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## PASSOVER TIMES

Event	Date	Time
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Search for Hametz	Sunday, April 9	8:13 pm
Fast of the First Born/Siyyum	Monday, April 10	7:30 am
Latest time for eating chometz	Monday, April 10	10:48 am
Final sale and Burning of Hametz	Monday, April 10	11:54 am

### First Day of Passover

Candlelighting	Monday, April 10	7:14 pm
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### First Seder

Shacharit	Tuesday, April 11	10:00 am
Mincha (at B'nai Tikvah)	Tuesday, April 11	6:00 pm

### Second Day of Passover

Candle Lighting (earliest-latest)	Tuesday, April 11	7:57 pm - 8:20 pm
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### Second Seder

Shacharit	Wednesday, April 12	10:00 am
Mincha/Maariv/Havdalah (at B'nai Tikvah)	Wednesday, April 12	7:30 pm

### "Third Seder"

	Thursday, April 13	6:00 pm
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### Seventh Day of Passover

Candlelighting	Sunday, April 16	7:20 pm
Maariv	Sunday, April 16	7:30 pm
Shacharit	Monday, April 17	9:30 am

### Eighth Day of Passover

Candlelighting	Monday, April 17	8:26 pm
Maariv	Monday, April 17	8:30 pm
Shacharit (Yizkor is recited as part of the morning service)	Tuesday, April 18	9:30 am
Maariv	Tuesday, April 18	8:30 pm
Passover ends	Tuesday, April 18	8:37 pm
Happy Chametz!!	Tuesday, April 18	9:37 pm

## Yom Hashoah

Event (Federation/Brookdale CC)	Friday, April 21	9:30 am
Lecture (CBT)	Sunday, April 23	10:00 am
Candlelighting	Sunday, April 23	7:27 pm
Name Recitation (CBT)	Monday, April 24	10:00 am
Service (CBT)	Monday, April 24	7:30 pm

## A Message From Our Co-Presidents



Allison Nagelberg



Ruth Anne Koenick Co-Presidents

Early in March, when I (Ruth Anne) was at the grocery store, I noticed the store already had a lot of Passover food ready to purchase. I wasn't thinking that far ahead, trying to get through the month of March with Purim, Yartzzeit for my father, and my trip to Seattle to see Molly and Todd. Yet the minute I saw some of the traditional food, I started thinking about Passover, the Seders of my youth, and the work ahead to prepare for Passover. Seders were at my parents' home and my father always got all the children together to assign parts and ironically, each year we all got the same parts but it was an opportunity for him to talk about the meaning of Passover and the Seders of his youth in the shtetel. My mother shopped for about 50-60 people each night, knowing that my cousin Betty would bring some people from Walter Reed and somehow everyone showed up with a friend. My father's sisters came to make gefilte fish (no fish in a jar then). The Seders seemed to go on for hours and hours and I've often said that my father is still in his kittle running a Seder even 40 years after his death.

As for me, I go to Seders rather than hosting them but it still means kashering my kitchen, changing dishes, and cooking to take food to a Seder. As we've grown older, Joshua Safeer always comes over to help me bring up everything from the basement and then returns at the end of Passover to take it back down for another year. Ironically, I have yartzzeit for my mother on the second day of Passover and it always reminds me of her preparing for our Seders and what joy and exhaustion she experiences during that time. While I miss my aunts and uncles, my siblings and cousins and most of all my parents it is still a time of joy and of sadness but I am glad to share Pesach with my friends.

For me (Allison), Seders have been fun-filled, educational, and truly experiential parts of our Jewish tradition. I am extraordinarily blessed to have parents and in-laws who are dear friends with each other, who

belong to the same synagogue, and who have shared simchas together for more than thirty-five years. Seders are either at the "Zs" (my maiden name being Zinbarg) or the "Ns". My mom, almost 82 and going strong, still does her classic "frog dance", and all of the women get up with tambourines to dance and sing to Debbie Friedman's (z"l) "Miriam and the Women" song. My 82-year old dad – ever the scholar and teacher – makes sure that we have new source material to digest every year in addition to all of the classic text. It is one of his greatest joys to email some of this material to the whole family in advance of the Seder, and to make sure that each person – from the youngest toddler to the most "mature" adult – has a chance to explain the meaning of Pesach in his or her own words.

This year, as in a few years past, some of our family will be in Israel for Passover – an experience that I wish for everyone! In Israel, restaurants and kiosks across the country kasher their kitchens or outdoor griddles, so that you can find kosher-for-Passover food almost anywhere you go...and it is fabulous! Beyond the food, this is an opportunity to celebrate the entire week of Pesach in a country the size of New Jersey, where millions of other people are celebrating the same holiday, wishing each other "chag sa'meach", and acutely aware that this is a special week throughout the nation. We will have Seder with dear friends who made Aliyah more than 40 years ago. We will all get a chance to display our proficiency in Hebrew - though no one will feel left out! Some of the traditions will be different from our American Seders, but the over-abundance of food, and the feeling of warmth, family, friendship and Yiddishkeit will surely be the same.

While our congregation is comprised of a diverse group of wonderful people, not everyone goes to a Seder, so, last year, we started a new tradition here, a 3<sup>rd</sup> Seder to pull together members to participate in a CBT community Seder. Last year's event was absolutely wonderful. Be on the lookout for details regarding the 2017 Third Seder at CBT.

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



# CONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH MEN'S CLUB

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## Yom Hashoah Announcements

The Men's Club distributed at the Purim Carnival the Yom Hashoah Yellow Yahrzeit Candle and accompanying **meditation**. We will then mail out the remaining candles, so that all congregants will have received one prior to Yom Hashoah.

It is customary to light **this candle on the evening before, this year it will be on Sunday evening April 23rd**. The candle is lit in memory of the victims of the Holocaust. The act of kindling this flame and of reading the mediation create a moving ritual to remind us of what happened not so long ago.

Placing the candle in the window (safely) is also a way to remind our community. This moment also would be an excellent opportunity to begin a discussion of the Holocaust with your children and family.

This is our 25<sup>th</sup> year of participation in the program. Your generous donations in the past have allowed the program to be self-sustaining. Over the past few years, excess funds have been used to establish a permanent memorial to the Holocaust in the form of the Rescued Torah displayed in our lobby and to support both the Anne Frank exhibit and the Holocaust Remembrance garden located next to the library.

We do hope that you and your family will participate in the programs mentioned above. We believe that you will find it a powerful and meaningful experience.

We appreciate your support of this annual program. L'shalom and see you on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24th.

**CBT will hold our annual reading of the names of victims of the Shoah on Monday, April 24th, beginning at 10am. Please call the office (732-297-0696) in order to reserve your time slot. The Yom Hashoah service will begin at 7:30pm that evening.**

Additionally, we encourage you also to attend the joint CBT Sisterhood/Men's Club event on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, at which Miriam Dobin, a local author, will speak about her book, *I Am Because of You*, an extraordinary story of a family's unbreakable will to survive the Holocaust and the unexpected miracle of a child, which held them together in a new world.

See page 12 and our website for more information.

Robert L. Wolkoff	Rabbi
Bruce Rockman	Cantor
Andrew Goldberger	President, CBT Men's Club

## Men's Club Calendar:

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

### APRIL:

**April 9<sup>th</sup>:** Men's Club Meeting @ 10 a.m. (Yom Hashoah Candle Packing)

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Miriam Dobin, Author of *I Am Because of You* (Yom Hashoah Event co-sponsored by Sisterhood and Men's Club)

### May:

**May 21st:** Family Picnic (CBT Activities Event)

**TBA:** Men's Club Shabbat



### THIS MONTH

**Sunday, April 23rd, at 10:00 am** – Joint Sisterhood and Men's Club event. Local author Marion Dobin will be speaking about her book "I Am Because of You". An extraordinary story of a family's unbreakable will to survive the Holocaust and the unexpected miracle of a child which held them together in a new world. The event is free and a light breakfast will be served. Copies of the book are available in the gift shop.

### SAVE THE DATE

**Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm** – Movie night and elections. We will be watching the movie "Welcome to Kutchers".

**Membership** - It's never too late to join Sisterhood. Please visit the CBT website at <http://bnaitikvah.org/community-2/sisterhood/sisterhood-membership-application/> if you are interested in getting involved. Sisterhood would love to welcome you. For more information please contact Melissa at 617-869-1422 or at [Melissa.dara.kessler@gmail.com](mailto:Melissa.dara.kessler@gmail.com).

### **Gift Shop** Store Hours

Sunday 9AM-12PM Wednesday 4PM-5:30PM

By Appointment contact Serena Blackin at 732-390-9515

Please remember the gift shop only takes checks and cash at this time.

### **Torah Fund**

The new pins are here. They are meaningful and beautiful. Join us in supporting the Jewish Theological Seminary and its parts by pledging \$180 and receive a pin as a gift for your donation. Contact Ann Rosenzweig at [Anndyapt@optimum.net](mailto:Anndyapt@optimum.net) or by phone at 732-249-9141. Watch the bulletin board for pix as well as beautiful new Torah Fund Cards that are available soon.

### **Mitzvah Baskets**

Having a B'nai Mitzvah or other simcha? Let Sisterhood decorate the bima with two non-perishable food baskets. We also deliver the baskets for use at other synagogues, so tell your local friends about this service! For more information or to order contact Teresa Samtur, [msamtur@comcast.net](mailto:msamtur@comcast.net)

### **Mazel Tosses**

Enhance the simcha of your child's special day by having Sisterhood make soft, candy-filled bags to sweeten the day. Also great for an ufruf. Contact: Bonnie Kudwitt [Beedirect@aol.com](mailto:Beedirect@aol.com)  
Visit the B'nai Tikvah website to order your Mitzvah Baskets and Mazel tosses. Please have your forms in one month before your mitzvah.

**2017 Mah Jongg Cards** order form on CBT website.

## LIFE LINE SCREENING

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be at Congregation B'nai Tikvah on Tuesday, June 13, 2017. Ultrasound screenings to Identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include; **Carotid Artery** (plaque buildup-a leading cause of stroke), **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), **Peripheral Arterial**

**Disease** (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a **Heart Rhythm Screening** (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an **Osteoporosis Risk Assessment** for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early.

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## Dear Friends

The Passover season is a precious gift to us. It is a reminder that no matter how dark things may look, liberation is not just possible but inevitable. From darkness, we *will* emerge into light. From weakness, we *will* emerge into strength.

We enter this Passover season with a feeling of disquiet. We are concerned about events in the Middle East, we are concerned about anti-Semitism here and abroad, we are concerned about the viability of the American Jewish community, we are concerned about the direction America is taking, we are concerned about the environment, we are concerned about immigration, we are concerned...

We are concerned. But our concerns should never be greater than our hopes. As the Haggadah reminds us: "This year we are slaves, next year we *will* be free."

So when we sit around our seder tables, and we discuss long into the night the meaning of freedom, let us do so with joy and confidence. For in every generation, G-d has helped our people to survive, and to thrive. So will it be for us, and, G-d willing, for America and the world.

Now, some practical details. For everything you need to know about keeping kosher for Passover,

please consult the Rabbinical Assembly Passover Guide, which you will find at this link: [rabbinicalassembly.org/pesah-guide](http://rabbinicalassembly.org/pesah-guide).

Naturally, if you have any questions, feel free to call me.

Also, in this issue of Hakol, you will find the Authorization for the Sale of Hametz. Please fill it in and drop it off at the synagogue office before 11:54 AM on Monday morning, April 10. Donations to support the needy are always welcome.

In addition, in this issue of Hakol you will find the times for all the candle lightings, services, and events. Many of the times differ from our regular schedule, so please check carefully.

Finally, you will also find a special reading in connection to the Four Children that I pray will be a source of discussion around your seder table.

Have a sweet, happy, and kosher Pesach!!

Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff

PS: Cantor Rockman and I would love to see you at our Third Seder on Thursday April 13 at 6:30 pm! Please RSVP to the office. Remember, the Haggadah tells us that the more we discuss the meaning of freedom, the more praiseworthy it is!

## PURIM CARNIVAL





## The Desk. Stop Here!

Ever since we can remember, on the High Holy Days, Ann Rosenzweig has sat behind a small bridge table just outside the sanctuary to hand out cards for those scheduled to receive an aliyah or honor of some sort during the service. In later years Ann was joined by my wife, Bobby, and the two of them would be there to greet every congregant to enter the sanctuary.

Over the years, their duties increased to provide large-print mahzorim (prayer books) and radio receivers for those in need. The one thing they always had was a smile for every person but, they often lacked adequate desk space for all the paraphernalia. At last month's Gala event, Gale Dillman presented us with a handsome, large, sturdy table.



At the time of the presentation, I was unprepared to comment about it. But, later it finally sank in what an outstanding and appropriate gift this was. I can't thank the Gala committee enough for their hard work and creativity in putting the whole evening together. During the High Holy Days next September, don't forget to stop by the desk.

Gary Bergman

### The Four Children, a Seder reading from American Jewish World Service

At Passover each year, we read the story of our ancestors' pursuit of liberation from oppression. When confronting this history, how do we answer our children when they ask us how to pursue justice in our time?

***What does the activist child ask?*** *"The Torah tells me, 'Justice, justice you shall pursue,' but how can I pursue justice?"*  
Empower her always to seek pathways to advocate for the vulnerable. As Proverbs teaches, "Speak up for the mute, for the rights of the unfortunate. Speak up, judge righteously, champion the poor and the needy."

***What does the skeptical child ask?*** *"How can I solve problems of such enormity?"*

Encourage him by explaining that he need not solve the problems, he must only do what he is capable of doing. As we read in Pirkei Avot—The Ethics of Our Ancestors, "It is not your responsibility to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from it."

***What does the indifferent child say?*** *"It's not my responsibility."*

Persuade her that responsibility cannot be shirked. As Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel writes, "The opposite of good is not evil; the opposite of good is indifference. In a free society where terrible wrongs exist, some are guilty, but all are responsible."

***And the uninformed child who does not know how to ask ...***

Prompt him to see himself as an inheritor of our people's legacy. As it says in Deuteronomy, "You must befriend the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt."

At this season of liberation, let us work toward the liberation of all people.

Let us respond to our children's questions with action and justice.

## COME APRIL 23, 10 AM FOR TWO STORIES, TWO CONTINENTS



Have you ever thought about researching your family history?

Miriam Gottesman Dobin hadn't - - until her beloved aunt died. Then, Miriam promised herself she'd learn, and write, the family's story.

You'll be interested to hear what her two years of follow-through uncovered, so join us on Sunday, April 23rd at 10 am, at B'nai Tikvah. The event, co-sponsored by Sisterhood and Men's Club, is free and includes a light breakfast.

Miriam's many searches of records and travels took her from her home in Highland Park to Hungary, Slovakia, and the Czech Republic where her relatives lived before, during, and after WWII. Like many so affected, she's written a book, I Am Because of You, so that those lost will be remembered - - by you, too, after you hear her stories.

After a question-and-answer period, I Am Because of You will be available for sale and personalizing

Born in Brooklyn and a graduate of Yeshiva University/Stern College, Miriam has been an early-childhood educator for more than 20 years.



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PASSOVER**



## MEMBERSHIP CORNER

### L'dor V'dor

We are thrilled to introduce the following family to the B'nai Tikvah Community...

**Name:** Sam Fisher

**Hometown:** I currently live in Dayton, having grown up in Brooklyn and having attended Brooklyn College

**Occupation:** CPA

**Why did you join CBT?** I started attending services at CBT when my mother passed away. I wanted to say Kaddish at least a few times a week. I especially enjoyed Shabbat services, listening to Cantor Rockman's singing and Rabbi Wolkoff's inspiring talks. I began going to some of the other programs and really enjoyed the variety that CBT offered. As I started meeting other members, all of whom were very friendly and welcoming, I felt more and more comfortable and wanted to be a part of the CBT community. The offer of a free trial membership sealed the deal.

**What are you hoping to gain from your membership?** I am looking for a place where I can find both a spiritual fulfillment as well as a sense of community – both at a local level and with the broader Jewish community. I joined the “Torah Readers

Club”, reading Torah on occasion. Through CBT, I also became involved with JNF, and I hope to be able to contribute to the future success of our synagogue.

**Favorite vacation:** I love the beach, but I also love a sense of adventure, beautiful scenery, sightseeing, dining out, visiting distant relatives and exploring new cultures. The one place I've found to include all of the above is, of course, Israel. I've been there five times and can't wait to go back.

**Favorite holiday:** My favorite holiday would have to be Passover – I enjoy the rich traditions that make up the Seder, the family bonds that unite us, the childhood memories that the holiday always seems to bring back, and, of course, the wonderful dinner shared with family and friends.

**Fun Fact:** My favorite TV show is by far, Curb Your Enthusiasm. I happen to bear a strong resemblance to Larry David (dozens of people have told me I look just like him). For those of you who are familiar with the show, I also tend to think, act and talk like him, although I'm not so sure that's such a good thing. I guess you might say he's like my “alter ego”.

**For membership information please contact:**

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## JNF

Approximately 400 people attended the Jewish National Fund program held at B'nai Tikvah on Sunday, March 5th.





Amanda Dillman, Advisor

### BRINGING BACK THE YOUTH COMMISSION

We are bringing back the **YOUTH COMMISSION** with our first meeting set for **Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** in the CBT Youth Lounge @ **9:15am** (right after Hebrew School drop off)

### USY IN APRIL

**Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Pre-Pesach Pasta Dinner**  
**6:30-8pm**

This popular event gives the kids their last chametz meal with friends plus a few rounds of fun playing Jewish Heads Up! We've been looking for a host home; as soon as one is selected, you will receive an email from [nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com](mailto:nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com) with the address!

**Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**Regional Spring Convention**

I will email out the registration form from [nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com](mailto:nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com) If you are looking for it, please reach out!

### SAVE THE DATE – UPCOMING USY EVENTS

Sat, May 13th - Regional USY Closing Dance  
 Fri, June 9th - USY & Kadima/Sisterhood End of Year Banquet

Please email [NSBRUNSWICKUSY@gmail.com](mailto:NSBRUNSWICKUSY@gmail.com) to join the email list and receive details for all upcoming events or to receive an application to join our awesome USY or Kadima chapter!

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# KADIMA

KADIMA in April

## **Sun, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Regional Kadima iPlay America**

iPlay America is located at 110 Schanck Road, Freehold, NJ. The event runs from 2:30-4:30. The cost is \$28 per Kadimanick and that includes go carts, bumper cars, rides, arcade games & more! Light refreshments will be served.

## **Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> – Pre-Pesach Pasta Dinner – 6:30-8pm**

This popular event gives the kids their last chametz with friends and a few fun rounds of Jewish Heads Up! We've been looking for a host home; as soon as one is selected, you will receive an email from [nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com](mailto:nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com) with the address!

## **Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> – Roller Skating Extravaganza**

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## **Lunch**

A Jewish man took his Passover lunch to eat outside in the park. He sat down on a bench and began eating matzo. A little later, a blind man came by and sat down next to him. Feeling neighborly, the Jewish man passed a sheet of matzo to the blind man. The blind man handled the matzo for a few minutes, looked puzzled, and finally exclaimed, "Who wrote this?"

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Lynne WeissMarshall  
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## B'nai Tikvah's Bulletin Board eGroup

In the early years of the internet, B'nai Tikvah established the "BT-list" through an organization known as eGroup to offer "weekly announcements". Years later, eGroup was acquired by Yahoo to form Yahoo Groups. Yahoo then required all new members to obtain a Yahoo-ID and the list became more difficult to administer. The new Yahoo Group also did not keep pace with technology and, with the help of Cindy Gittleman, we upgraded to the system we use today: ConstantContact.

The "bnaitikvah" Yahoo Group still exists with its membership of the past and is used for unofficial synagogue communications. The synagogue office also maintains a separate database of member's email addresses. Over time, these databases have become disjointed and I recently began a project to coordinate them.

The Yahoo Group is still used on occasion such as when someone has something to sell or give away, such as non-refundable theatre, sports, or concert tickets they can't use. The Group can also be used to ask for help or advice of other congregants but, NOT for commercial purposes or solicitations of any kind.

Membership is restricted, to keep it free from spam. Only invited members can receive or post messages. A few weeks ago, I sent out over 200 "invites" to our members, of which about 10% have responded by joining the Group. Later this month, I will resend another round of invites. I hope you will take advantage of this potentially valuable resource.

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## Our CLEAN Community

For the past two years, B'nai Tikvah has been part of **New Jersey Clean Communities' Adopt-a-Highway** program. B'nai Tikvah has taken responsibility for a one mile stretch of southbound Route 1, starting at our signpost just south of Thomas Avenue (right after the Raceway gas station) and continuing south to Henderson Road. Our commitment is to pick up trash four times per year along this designated corridor.

I recently was asked why I participate in this program and, more specifically, why I agreed to organize and chair it. Of course, the usual reasons popped into my head: we get a sign acknowledging what we do on a very busy stretch of Route 1, it's a wonderful way for us to give back to our community, and it's actually a morning of fun and camaraderie with our CBT friends. And these are great reasons.

But in truth, there's another one: it's also about how we are perceived by the outside world. Too many misguided people perceive those who are not like them (other race, other religion, other socioeconomic level) as 'takers'; if even one person driving by a group of B'nai Tikvah members picking up roadside trash has a fleeting thought of appreciation or admiration, then our efforts will have been worth it.

We can't change everyone's mind, but we can change some, and it certainly pays to try. Will you consider joining us in the spring for our first cleanup of 2017?

Because we are doing this program through the New Jersey Clean Community, we have some wonderful advantages. We are supplied the tools we need to get the job done safely and efficiently: work gloves, garbage bags, safety vests, warning road signs, etc. And because we are doing the program through the synagogue, you should never go hungry! We even start you off with a bagel and coffee! The only thing you must do is bring a bottle of water in order to stay hydrated and wear the right clothing! How's that for easy?

We do these cleanups on Sunday mornings, right after Hebrew School drop-off. With enough people (age 17 and over; age 16 with a parent), we get it done in under 90 minutes.

Please watch for upcoming date announcements on our website, on our Facebook page and through the B'nai Tikvah email list. And of course, you always can reach me at [CadoffJ@gmail.com](mailto:CadoffJ@gmail.com). Thanks!

Jeff Cadoff

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As many of you know, my Bar Mitzvah was three months ago. I am still working on my Mitzvah Project, and I could use your help.

I would like to tell you a little about my Mitzvah Project but, first I would like to tell you about myself and why I chose this project. I was born prematurely at 26 weeks and I spent 3 1/2 months in the NICU at Saint Peter's Hospital. My parents tell me that I had many ups and downs during this time, and they are forever thankful to the doctors and nurses who cared for me.

My family has committed to raise money for the March of Dimes because we hope that one day every baby will be born healthy. Our team Harrison has raised more than \$14,000 since 2006. Each year, it is

my decision if we will continue to walk, and I hope that **YOU** will join us on **April 30th** at Mercer County Park. I have already signed up for the 2017 walk and I hope you can support me by signing up to walk with us. If you cannot walk with us, please consider making a donation to the March of Dimes and visit my webpage:

[www.marchofbabies.org/harrisonjacob](http://www.marchofbabies.org/harrisonjacob).

Eleanor Roosevelt once said "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." I dream that no baby will be born prematurely or unhealthy, and have to fight to survive as I did. I hope you can help me in reaching my goal and support me by helping the March of Dimes. If you would like more information so that you can help, please email me at [harrisonjb3@gmail.com](mailto:harrisonjb3@gmail.com).

Thank you,  
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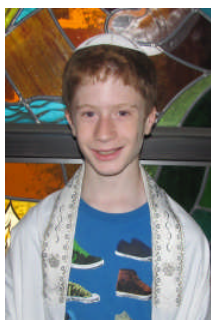
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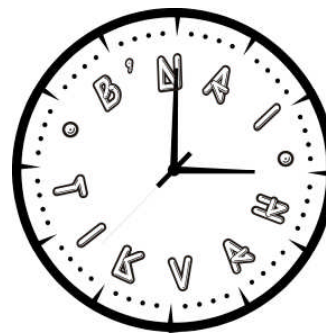


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**Next In less than 2 weeks** we will be celebrating Passover; Seders, matzah, charoset, bitter herbs and lots of family and friends. Many of our homes will be filled with food, family and friends, the greatest feeling in the world, unless you don't have a place to celebrate Pesach.

For the second year we are offering **the 3<sup>rd</sup> Seder, that's right, a THIRD Seder.** On Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm Rabbi Wolkoff and I will lead a mostly traditional seder. We'll serve the basics; we'll tell the story and sing some of the songs of the hagadah. Our meal will meatless, we will serve matzah ball soup, fish, salads and traditional sides such as potato kugel.

Last year we had over 70 participants in our first 3<sup>rd</sup> Seder, we promise a very special evening.

See you at a Shul, with Joy  
Cantor Bruce Rockman

Please check bnaitikvah.org for more details about the seder, including when and where to RSVP and the price tbd for this delicious kosher for Passover dinner.

PS I wrote my last Hakol article for March on the plane to Israel. Israel did us proud in the World Baseball Classic!

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Candle Lighting 7 7:11 pm 14 7:18 pm 21 7:25 pm 28 7:33 pm	Shabbat Ends 1 8:10 pm 8 8:17 pm 15 8:24 pm 22 8:31 pm 29 8:39 pm					1 5 Nisan  Bar Mitzvah Matthew Tell Jr. Congregation
2 6 Nisan  Religious School School Board KADIMA iPlay America	3 7 Nisan  Board of Directors	4 8 Nisan  USY Pre-Pesach Dinner Men's Basketball	5 9 Nisan  Rabbi's Lunch Religious School ECC Model Seder	6 10 Nisan  Lunch at Giddy's KADIMA Pre- Pesach Dinner	7 11 Nisan  Birthday Shabbat	8 12 Nisan  Jr. Congregation Lunch and Learn
9 13 Nisan  SEARCH FOR CHAMETZ Men's Club Religious School	10 14 Nisan  Fast of First Born /SIYYUM PESACH FIRST SEDER ECC Spring Break	11 15 Nisan  PESACH SECOND SEDER Office and School Closed	12 16 Nisan  PESACH SECOND DAY Office and School Closed	13 17 Nisan  PESACH Third Seder at CBT	14 18 Nisan	15 19 Nisan
16 20 Nisan  No Religious School CHOL HAMOED	17 21 Nisan  Office and School Closed PESACH DAY 7 ECC Spring Break Continues	18 22 Nisan  Office and School Closed YIZKOR) PESACH DAY 8	19 23 Nisan  Rabbi's Lunch ECC Resumes Religious School	20 24 Nisan  Lunch at Giddy's	21 25 Nisan	22 26 Nisan  Junior Congregation Bar Mitzvah Brandon Weber
23 27 Nisan Religious School Sisterhood/Men's Club Author YOM HA'SHOAH 30 4 Iyar Religious School Rutgers 5K March of Dimes Walk	24 28 Nisan  Holocaust Reading Ritual Committee SIP Study Group	25 29 Nisan  Men's Basketball	26 30 Nisan  Rabbi's Lunch Religious School	27 1 Iyar  Lunch at Giddy's	28 2 Iyar  USY Spring Convention	29 3 Iyar  Junior Congregation



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