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## LAG B'OMER



**Sunday  
May 21**

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**WEDNESDAY, MAY 3**

**FRIDAY, MAY 5**

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**SUNDAY, MAY 7**

**MONDAY, MAY 8**

**FRIDAY, MAY 12**

**SATURDAY, MAY 13**

**SUNDAY, MAY 14**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 17**

**FRIDAY, MAY 19**

**SATURDAY, MAY 20**

**SUNDAY, MAY 21**

**FRIDAY, MAY 26**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 31**

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**LAST DAY OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

**FAMILY PICNIC**

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SIMCHA ALIYAH**

**RITUAL LUNCH**

## From the Desk of Cantor Bruce Rockman



### Plenty of Time to Prepare for Shavuot. How can we better celebrate this important holiday?

*“Shavuot has a double significance. It marks the all-important wheat harvest in the Land of Israel and it commemorates the anniversary of the day G-d gave the Torah to the entire nation of Israel assembled at Mount Sinai, although the association between the giving of the Torah (Matan Torah) and Shavuot is not explicit in the Biblical text.*

*The holiday is one of the Shalosh Regalim, the three Biblical pilgrimage festivals. It marks the conclusion of the Counting of the Omer, and its date is directly linked to that of Passover. The Torah mandates the seven-week Counting of the Omer, beginning on the second day of Passover, to be immediately followed by Shavuot. This counting of days and weeks is understood to express anticipation and desire for the giving of the Torah. On Passover, the people of Israel were freed from their enslavement to Pharaoh; on Shavuot they were given the Torah and became a nation committed to serving God. The word Shavuot means weeks and the festival of Shavuot marks the completion of the seven-week counting period between Passover and Shavuot”.*

At the end of May, the holiday of Shavuot will begin. Shavuot arrives on Tuesday night, May 30 and continues through Thursday evening June 1st. We have services, with Yizkor on the second day, the commemorative service dedicated to our ancestors. We study the Torah through the night, and like ALL Jewish holidays, we eat special holiday food, in particular delicious dairy delicacies, cheese cake in particular.

Shavuot begins at the end of this month, why do we need so much time to prepare for this 2 day holiday? Do we need a month to prepare for 8 days of Passover? Well, yes, all the shopping and cooking and cleaning alone can take at least that long! Do we need 30 days to prepare for 8 days of Sukkot? Yes, so many of us build a sukkah and entertain the community, we share in our joy and the holiday arrives just as Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur concludes, certainly we need the time to prepare for these important days. So much effort is expended for these holidays that celebrate our redemption from physical and spiritual slavery. Our arduous journey through the desert to the Promised Land of Israel is symbolized by rituals of our 3 pilgrimage holidays, Pesach, Shavuot and Sukkot.

Shavuot arrives, just as the summer warmth descends upon us, the holiday seems to be an afterthought on the consciousness and the calendar of B'nai Tikvah. You can think of many reasons that illustrate the conflicts that interfere with our Shavuot commemoration, but you cannot take the purpose of the holiday for granted.

Shavuot is the essence of EVERYTHING important to Judaism. It is about the Children of Israel receiving and accepting the Torah at Mt. Sinai and now at B'nai Tikvah. The Torah IS EVERYTHING that connects us as a people, The Torah is Israel and American Jewry. The Torah is our Jewish DNA; the Torah defines us as good citizens of the world and teaches us love G-d, the giver of our special mission on Earth.

When we simply indulge ourselves during holidays, we can forget that we are empowered to be active in our pursuit of justice, of kindness and building a better world. Our indulgence is a reward for a job well done, for a life well lived in the pursuit of the values that Torah teaches.

With Joy!  
Cantor Bruce Rockman

## A Message From Rabbi Robert Wolkoff



### TURN IT

About the Torah, the rabbis say: Turn it and turn it, for all is in it.

I'm always amazed (and often amused) when current events reflect ancient rabbinic insights. This happened recently when Vice President Pence's attempts to "build a zone around his marriage" became a hot topic. In Andrew Silow-Carroll's article about this, he cites Mr. Pence's comments that "he never eats alone with a woman other than his wife, nor attends events without her 'if there's alcohol being served and people are being loose.'"

Many commentators pointed out that Mr. Pence's restraint in these matters almost inevitably leads to discrimination against women. After all, an awful lot of business gets conducted during lunchtime one-on-one meetings, from which women are systematically excluded.

That is a real issue, no doubt about it, but I suspect that the outrage—indeed, the near fury—about Mr. Pence's choices in this matter come from a deeper place. People took his perspective as a challenge to their very integrity.

Silow-Carroll explains:

"Liberals, with their essentially optimistic view of human nature, think individuals should be able to take responsibility for their own behavior and resist temptation. Pence, wrote Alexandra Petri..., 'is living life with the assumption that he lacks the modicum of self-control involved in eating dinner with another human being and not committing adultery.' Conservatives, on the other hand, who believe in sin and the general fallibility of humankind, think it only realistic to build fences around temptation. That was

Damon Linker's point...: 'One morality-abiding, bodily transcending subject should be able to have dinner with another without incident. Right?' he asked, summarizing the liberal position, before providing the conservative response: 'Pence's way of living denies all of this. It denies we're able to restrain ourselves with any reliability. We need G-d's help, and we need to keep ourselves away from situations in which we will be tempted to cheat.'"

There's actually an expression for this in Jewish law: "*asu sayag latorah*" "make a fence around the Torah." Set up barriers, in other words, in order to make it that much harder to "cross the line."

No doubt many will feel that Mr. Pence, and Jewish law for that matter, are out of touch, stodgy, even, and wildly exaggerate human weakness. But while they are tut-tutting us benighted dinosaurs, they might want to give some thought to Bill O'Reilly. Remember him? And Roger Ailes. And Bill Cosby. And President Trump. And President Clinton. And President Kennedy. And, and, and...

If all it takes to stay out of the moral cesspool is a "modicum of self-control," it sure looks like a lot of us should be putting on life-jackets. Or at least should make sure our spouses are in the room with us.

Yes, ideally we are free independent agents with complete self control.

Ideally.

But when the ideal gets into a fight with the real, the real usually wins.

How we can control ourselves—if we can control ourselves—is a question that lies at the heart of civilization in general and Judaism in particular. This is the topic we will explore together during the late night study session (*tikkun lel Shavuot*) on Tuesday night, May 30. It should be a great discussion. I hope to see you there, so mark your calendars now!

Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff

## A Message From Our Co-Presidents



Allison Nagelberg



Ruth Anne Koenick

### Co-Presidents

The AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee) Policy Conference in Washington DC was like a wonderful family reunion: we all came from different parents, with different siblings and different political views, but we had at least one thing in common - our love of, and support for, Israel. Even though 2017 is not a presidential election year, we gathered together - 18,000 strong - to lobby our Senators and Congressmen on issues that are important to the US-Israel relationship, and to learn about, take pride in, advocate for, and celebrate the miracle of Israel.

For Ruth Anne, this was my second AIPAC conference. Once again, I drove down to Washington DC with Penny and Brad Cohen, leaving at 4:30AM on Sunday morning so we didn't miss a thing. I have been to many professional conferences but I have never been to something as organized and technologically advanced as AIPAC. No matter where you sat in the conference hall or which of several hundred sessions you attended, the set up was amazing, the sound was perfect and the programs were thoroughly inspiring.

My favorite breakout program was entitled Violins of Hope. Rebecca Safeer had given me the book to read and I was mesmerized and couldn't wait to meet the author, a music historian on faculty at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. It is the story of a collection of Holocaust-era instruments that have been lovingly repaired in Israel by Amnon Weinstein, including violins used by members of the

Auschwitz Orchestra. To sit in the audience (front row) and hear those instruments played and be reminded that there are more than six million stories the music is telling, many of us cried as we listened to the music.

I have done legislative lobbying before but the theme of the conference, *Many Voices One Mission*, made this one unique. There were three main legislative issues: counter Iran's regional aggression; support security assistance to Israel and a robust foreign aid budget, and fight the delegitimization of Israel. No matter where we each stand on issues of Israeli or American politics, we united our voices to promote this mission.

Once again, I purchased my ticket for the 2018 conference before I left to lobby and drive home with Allison and David. What an exhilarating three days and a wonderful ride home.

For Allison, this Policy Conference, like last year's, included an uplifting and joyous Shabbaton with 1,300 other lovers of Israel, as well as a reunion with friends from our recent AIPAC Mission Israel. David and I were again privileged to have three generations of family together at Policy Conference, including my parents and our daughter, Hayley, who brought from her university 30 campus leaders - 10 of whom aren't Jewish. At Policy Conference, there is truly something for everyone - young or old, Conservative or Liberal, Jewish or not. *Many Voices One Mission*.

One of my favorite breakout sessions was with the Indian Ambassador to the US. Funny, informed and insightful, he talked about the many ways for India and Israel to partner strategically, technologically, culturally and diplomatically. needs Israel.

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**FAMILY SHABBAT SH'BBQ (you know – BBQ food)**

**May 12, 2017**

6pm (we will let you know which room before hand – look for announcement)

Family Shabbat Services begin 7pm

Junior Congregation Services begin at 7pm

**Special sponsorships available – see below**

**HEAD COUNT MUST BE GIVEN SO THAT WE HAVE ENOUGH FOOD - PLEASE!**

**RSVP A MUST BY MAY 9, 2017 –REALLY!!!!**

Is your child or other family member celebrating a birthday or any other special occasion in the month of May or over the summer?

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**YOU MUST RSVP by May 9th – Questions - Contact Bobbi Binder 732-690-4779 or eemaof3@comcast.net**

# HAKOL

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# SISTERHOOD



## THIS MONTH

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

**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

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Serena Blackin at [732-390-9515](tel:732-390-9515)

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

### **Torah Fund**

The 2017 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 now available.

### **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 your mitzvah baskets, 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.

### **Mah Jongg Cards**

The 2017 Mah Jongg League cards are ready for purchase at the Gift Shop, \$8 for regular and \$9 for large.

## **DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT**

Wheelchairs, walkers, and canes are available to congregants in need of short-term assistance, compliments of the Bikur Cholim Committee. Contact the synagogue office or any of the ushers during services.



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## MEMBERSHIP CORNER

### L'dor V'dor

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**Name:** Rachel, Eliana, and Isla Botnick

**Hometown:** East Brunswick

**Occupation:** Special Education Teacher for the Jersey City Public Schools

**Why did you join CBT?:** The girls and I joined CBT because of the feeling of "home" and "family" that we got every time we came with my brother's family for the high holidays or any other event. In today's day and age, that feeling is hard to come by.

**What are you hoping to gain from your membership?** I am hoping to continue my own yiddishkeit that was instilled in me by my parents, as well as pass that along to my girls. They already enjoy attending Sunday School, and have learned so much just in the short months since they started.

**Favorite vacation:** Our favorite vacation involves going anywhere near the beach, whether that is in New Jersey, Bethany Beach, Delaware, or Delray Beach, Florida!

**Favorite holiday:** Honestly, my family and extended family are the most important people in my life, so any holiday that involves gathering together to celebrate is my favorite.

**Fun fact:** I am so excited to be starting a new chapter in my professional career. I was hired as programming director for Camp Starlight sleep away camp. The girls and I will be spending this coming summer up there. We can't wait!

**For membership information please contact:**

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## WEEKDAY MINYANS

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A group of daveners show up every day at B'nai Tikvah. They are here Sunday through Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm. They're also here Thursday mornings at 7:30 am and each Sunday at 9:00 am.

When you are coming to the synagogue for a meeting or to bring your children to Religious School or if you are available at any of these times, your presence in the Beit Midrash could make a real difference by insuring others to be able to say Kaddish for a loved one.

Weekday evening services only take about 15 minutes of your time. Weekday morning services last about an hour. Including time for kibbitzing.



# KADIMA



Amanda Dillman, Advisor

## BRINGING BACK THE YOUTH COMMISSION

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

## KADIMA IN MAY

**Due to conflicts, we had to cancel our Roller Skating Event.**

**Saturday, May 13<sup>t</sup>**

### **Kadima Lag B'Omer Bonfire**

This will be our “farewell” event for Kadimanicks this year! Details are TBD and will be announced via email. The event will begin after Shabbat and will be no cost to Kadimanicks.

**Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

### **Regional Kadima Spring Convention**

According to the region, they are working very hard to secure a hotel and will get the application out as soon as possible. They thank you for your patience.



## USY IN MAY

**Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> – Letters of Intent Due (for Election Night)**

**Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> – USY Election Night**

Election night will begin at 6:30pm and will be held in the CBT Youth Lounge. The event will end once elections have come to a close (typically 2 hrs). We will serve dinner. All details will come via email. Only paid up USYers and upcoming Freshman (this year's 8<sup>th</sup> graders) are eligible to vote. Please be in touch at [nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com](mailto:nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com) if you're interested in running for next year's board!

**Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

### **USY Regional Closing Dance**

According to the region, information will be available shortly as it relates to the dance theme. The dance will be held in Metuchen and we will be carpooling there (no bus).

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> – USY & KADIMA 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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For more information about the ride, on-line registration or information about the Education Foundation visit [edfoundationsb.org](http://edfoundationsb.org) or contact Martin Abschutz at [tour@edfoundationsb.org](mailto:tour@edfoundationsb.org). This is a rain or shine event. No refunds. On-line registration is highly recommended, walk-up registrations maybe limited.

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# CONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH MEN'S CLUB

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## Yom HaShoah Update

By Arthur Biderman, Men's Club Historian

Last month, you should have received a mailing from the Men's Club containing a Yom HaShoah candle, prayer, and envelope. We hope you were able to light the candle on the evening of Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> in remembrance of the victims of the Holocaust, as well as attend some of the other related events this year. Please support this important program by making a donation, as proceeds go to sustain our Shoah Program, maintain our Holocaust Garden, fund educational lectures and speakers, etc. We have distributed candles and participated in this program for the past 25 years.

Some candles were distributed to our members on Purim and at other events throughout March. All the remaining candles were processed, packed in boxes, and arranged for mailing at a Men's Club meeting April 9th by a large contingent of member volunteers, together with some of their children and grandchildren. Some returned the next day (Monday) to sort the boxes for economical mailing from the USPS. This year, it was delightful to observe help from so many, including the youngest, who were proud to match up and sort the addressed mailing boxes to appropriate towns and zip codes as required for reduced-cost delivery from the USPS.



We thank all those who have helped put together the Yom Hashoah Candles this year for distribution:

The Wolkoffs	Cantor Rockman
Gary Bergman	Arthur Biderman
Brian Berness	Allan Katronesky
Steve Katz	Terry Katz
Allan Miller	Josh Oliver
Marc Rosen	Daniel Schmeidler
Charlie Valan	Michael Weiss
Tommy Zink	
David Kozodoy (and daughters)	
Craig Cohen (and son)	
Andrew Goldberger (and sons)	
Bill Greenberg (and granddaughter)	

Apologies to those who helped but we may have missed.

### 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!

### May:

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

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As of this writing, we have almost 300 subscribers. That's great news but, some of you may be wondering why no one appears to be using it. First of all, let me point out that's a good thing, because it goes to prove that the group doesn't generate any SPAM.

So, let me explain what the group is for and how you can take advantage of it.

If you have need for something that you think some other congregant can help you with, send a message to [egroup@bnaitikvah.org](mailto:egroup@bnaitikvah.org) with the best description you can, and head it up with a meaningful subject line.

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A few simple rules will help keep the group going...

- Don't attempt to send any attachments (Yahoo will simply discard them anyway).
- Ask people to reply privately for questions.
- Most importantly, do not post anything on Shabbat.

Many people already know that if they need free computer parts and hard-to-find cables or adapters, they can come to me so, I just saved you all from reading another email.

Yours truly,  
Gary Bergman, [postmaster@bnaitikvah.org](mailto:postmaster@bnaitikvah.org)  
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*There are three vitally important rules for effective email communication. Unfortunately nobody knows what they are.*

## COMMUNITY CIRCLE PROGRAM AT B'NAI TIKVAH JUNE 13TH

To register for our new program, we have created a special **Community Circle** webpage. This webpage page will provide ease and convenience for pre-registration for **preferred appointment times**, **elite discounted pricing**, educational information, videos and testimonials to help members determine the screenings that would be most beneficial to them.

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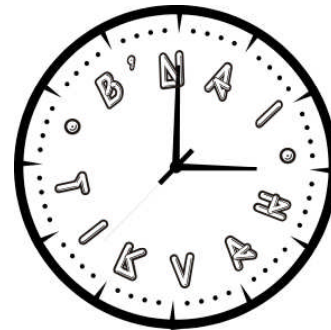
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