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WISHING YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR 5778 (2017 - 2018) HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICE TIMES

Selichot

Saturday, Sept. 16 Program 9:00 pm Service 11:00 pm

Rosh Hashanah Eve

Wednesday, Sept. 20 Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:30 pm Candle Lighting 6:39 pm

Rosh Hashanah

Thursday, Sept.21 Morning – Shacharit 9:00 am
Tashlich 6:00 pm
Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:15 pm
Candle Lighting 7:46 pm

Friday, Sept 22 Shacharit 9:00 am

Mincha/Ma'ariv 6:00 pm Candle Lighting 6:37 pm

Kol Nidre

Friday, Sept. 29 Mincha Service 6:00 pm Kol Nidrei 6:15 pm Candle Lighting 6:23 pm

Yom Kippur

Saturday, Sept. 30 Shacharit 9:30 am

Yizkor (approx.) 1:00 pm Mincha/Ne'ila/Ma'ariv 4:15 pm Havdalah/Shofar Blown 7:15 pm

Junior Congregation
Services at 11:00 am for the High Holidays





From the Desk of Cantor Bruce Rockman

Our Thoughts Need Our Attention



It is August 15th and the High Holy Days are charging at us as the final breaths of summer linger. Like a storm raging in the distance, we prepare, positioning ourselves for the joy and anguish of our holiday season. Our memories play tricks on us and then we're there, in the synagogue and a little less ready to confront our selves in front of God than we wish we were. Together with familiar faces, distracted by our lives, remembering and greeting everyone with refreshed anticipation we sure wish that we were better prepared for all of this praying and stuff. That is how I feel and I'm the Cantor!

Besides reviewing all of the prayers, figuring out where I could be better, I always find it difficult to imagine that I will be in the right frame of mind when it comes to serving as the messenger of our congregation. No matter how intense I try and how many times I lead services, I always feels as though I should and could do more. More? It is not the time spent preparing to sing the prayers that I feel lacking; it is the time to emotionally prepare for our most meaningful spiritual encounter with God that concerns me.

I'm alone at my desk, with my computer and the hissing sound of the air conditioner. Writing to you, today, is a part of my spiritual focus, my preparation for the High Holy Days.

Now I'm looking, searching for a door to walk through with you. I'm probing for a magical, indescribable moment of clarity, a fresh idea that will excite me and a spark that that I can share with you.

I need to find a way to be excited and calm. Our prayers and praying must be private and accessible.

Liel Leibovitz, who writes about Jewish life for Tablet Magazine recently wrote about this subject. He shares an early encounter with prayer as a child that has helped him appreciate praying and prayer, maybe I found my door. Let's look inside.

"By design, prayer is supposed to happen in cycles." We begin by reciting some words on a page, and then, because we're human, our minds begin to wander. We catch ourselves and recommit to the Hebrew words in front of us, but a minute or two later we're thinking of something else again. "The thoughts that carry our attention away are never insignificant thoughts, and they never arise at random," (Rabbi Alan) Lew writes. "We lost our focus precisely because these thoughts need our attention and we refuse to give it to them. This is why they keep sneaking up on our attention and stealing it away. This is how it is that we come to know ourselves as we settle deeply into the act of prayer." Even if we don't adhere to traditional prayer books—most of us don't these days—the same dynamic, intense focus followed by distraction followed by insight into the stirrings of our unconscious, is key. It's how many ancient forms of meditation work, and the best way, still, to begin and know ourselves, which is instrumental if we are to judge and then repent."

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I like this. I think it will help me. I plan to re-read this paragraph many times and add it to my High Holy Day preparation. Maybe you'll consider doing this as well.

Dear God,

Draw us closer to you

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

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

Between our aspirations and our actions

Keep us from blaming others for our faults;

Help us to heal the wounds we have thoughtlessly inflicted.

L'shana Tova Tekateivu, May you be inscribed for a healthy, happy, and meaningful New Year

Cantor Bruce Rockman

PS Mr. Leibovitz's work is filled with insight and always an excellent read. I have posted this article in its entirety on www.bnaitikvah.org in the "In the News" section, entitled "The Elul Challenge" It is highly worthwhile reading, I know you will enjoy it.

HAKOL

The Newsletter of Congregation B'nai Tikvah, JCC of North & South Brunswick 1001 Finnegan's Lane North Brunswick, NJ 08902

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A Message From Rabbi Robert Wolkoff

A Synagogue's Purpose



When our new Board of Directors met for the first time this summer, I was asked to articulate my vision for our congregation. After my presentation, several of our leaders suggested that I should share my thoughts with the whole congregation. Especially in light of our upcoming holidays, I thought it was a splendid suggestion, so here goes:

American Jewish life has gone through three phases. The first was immigration, and the struggle for acceptance in America. During this phase, our ethnicity was dominant. The second phase was our "arrival", when we gained a degree of power. On the positive side, we could focus our energy on rescuing Jews, fighting anti-Semitism, supporting Israel, and remembering the Holocaust. On the other hand, this was an era characterized by (often crass) materialism. Meanwhile, over time, our emphasis on, and devotion to, ethnicity deteriorated.

We are now entering the third phase, when Judaism centers on actively building community and searching for meaning. With the weakening of ethnicity, the bad news is that marginal or passive association with the Jewish community will almost definitely fail as a strategy for continuity. The good news is that active involvement with the community will almost definitely succeed. You just need to come far enough into the bell of the bell curve.

What is active involvement? When I was in Savannah, my shul celebrated its centennial. We put together a spectacular, award winning event, with nationally known musicians, restoring a Holocaust Torah, and "a cast of thousands." Afterward, one of my congregants came to me and said, "Rabbi, if it were like this every week, I would come to shul more often."

Great! So if every Shabbat were the event of the year, he would come? Sorry, can't happen. Active involvement means being involved with *both* the special *and* the commonplace. And doing so on a personal level.

Some people say the synagogue is the center of Jewish life. Some say, no, it's the family that's the center of Jewish life. I say it's *you* who are the center of Jewish life. Each individual Jew.

As fine as the programs we offer at CBT are, (and they are really fine!) the purpose of the synagogue is not to be the Jewish NJPAC. The synagogue's purpose is to lead us to a sense of *personal* Jewish centrality. Letting the Judaism of the synagogue become the center of our lives should help us make the Judaism of the family the center of our lives. And the family, in turn, should lead us to making Judaism the center of our individual lives. Simply: Jews must take ownership of their Judaism.

What can CBT do to help that process along? For many of us, the synagogue of our youth was empty, or even nightmarish. And in this time of universalism, it's hard to explain why we should come together as a community, or why we should subject our kids to that which we found meaningless or worse. To be successful, we must be:

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Participating in social action in the wider (Jewish and non-Jewish) community.
Engaged in Israel, the Jewish people, and Torah.

CBT is doing very well by many of these standards. It is certainly a benign and joyous place. We all know when it is going well: when we have a bar mitzvah of a challenged child, and there's not a dry eye in the house; the gala, when we truly celebrate together; a shiva house, filled with loving and supportive people, to name just a few.

But there is still a lot to do. We need greater engagement—deeper, broader, and proactive—where we shape our Jewish experience, rather than merely responding to random external events. In particular, our Israel engagement is deep, but nowhere near broad enough.

Perhaps the biggest challenge we face, in practical terms, is that our dues structure must be modified if we are to attract younger Jews.

Above all, though, we must keep in mind the missing element: Judaism as an everyday engagement. When I first came to CBT, our current president, Adrienne Ross, was in mourning for her father, may his memory be a blessing. One night, we were able to scrape together a minyan, just barely, so Adrienne could say kaddish. Afterward, she remarked to me that such a minyan offered no comfort.

I felt really ashamed that day (virtually the only time I have felt ashamed of CBT in my 10 years here, which is quite a track record) but I am thankful that Adrienne really put her finger on the problem. Everyday engagement. We need to focus on our daily minyan. We need to focus on ongoing adult education. We need to check in on each other's lives. We need to overcome what Robert Bellah described as the "poverty of affluence," where we have all sorts of toys to play with but no one with whom to enjoy them. We need to empower every Jew.

Our battle cry used to be "Save (...) Jewry!" And of course it's true that there are still external challenges we have to face. Now, though, we need to be asking a different question: "What can enrich my life and the life of my family?"

The answer, of course, is being serious about Judaism, and it's our mission, here at CBT, to help people do exactly that. With wishes for a wonderful, sweet, and meaningful new year, Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff

A Message From Our President



As I sat down to write my first "President's Message". I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce myself to those of you I don't know and provide a little "window" into my vision for our Congregation.

Andy and I have been members of CBT for over 30 years. We have had the privilege of celebrating many milestones in our lives with the community: naming our daughter, Elyse, celebrating her Bat Mitzvah and, this past May, celebrating her "Shabbat Kallah", as we prepared to bring her to the Chuppah. More importantly, however, is that we, Andy, Elyse and I, have been part of the CBT community, both as participants and leaders.

Taking the Presidency may not have been on my "bucket list" but, when asked to "step forward", I didn't have a good reason to say "no" but, rather, multiple reasons to say "yes". The most important reason was my strong belief in the continuity of this community and that one's actions (my own) speak louder than words.

At the first board meeting of the year, I asked our board to answer the following three questions:

- 1. What motivates you to be on the synagogue board? (why did you say 'yes')
- 2. What do you want to bring to the board?

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3. What do you hope to gain from your participation?

The answers were very inspiring and provided some direction for the Board of Directors to take this coming year. It was also clear that each member of the board wanted to help build CBT into a stronger community. They all felt that they had an important voice to be heard and, importantly, felt that there was much to be gained by involvement in a leadership role. Collectively, they want to help CBT go from "good" to "great".

While CBT has been my home, you have also chosen to be a member of this Jewish community. We may have some similar, and some different reasons for joining. No doubt, we have had different experiences. What we all have in common is that being a part of this community is important to each of us. In the coming months, we will have opportunities to share our thoughts about what makes this a caring, successful community and how we, together, can improve our individual and collective Jewish journey. I hope that you will join me in my journey as President and find many reasons to "step up" as an active and engaged member.

> B'Shalom. Adrienne Ross, President

BIKUR CHOLIM

A Need to Know Basis



In Hebrew "Bikur Cholim" means "visiting the sick" but, at B'nai Tikvah, our committee encompasses a wider range of services to provide comfort and support to people who are ill, homebound, isolated and/or otherwise in distress.

The committee is prepared to serve patients and/or their families with whatever reasonable tasks may be needed, such as; transportation for doctor visits or rehab, light shopping, dropping off or picking up kids, visiting the home and more. Sometimes a family meal is in order for those who may not

have the time nor ability to prepare. Every case is different and, therefore, we often confer with the rabbi to decide what role a committee member should take to provide assistance.

The biggest challenge facing the committee is not knowing a family is in need of our services until the emergency or need has passed. The most common phrase heard at our meetings is "I wish we would have known".

Please, if you or someone you know is facing a difficult time, send an email to bikur@bnaitikvah.org or call the synagogue office. The committee is also keenly aware of privacy issues. If that is a critical concern, feel free to contact the rabbi directly.

Note: Unless authorized by the patient, HIPPA rulings prevent hospitals from contacting the synagogue.

Jill Stone, Chairperson





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We would like to welcome you to a new year with Sisterhood. We are planning an array of activities that we hope will interest a wide variety of congregants. We will continue with our very successful, annual events: Paid up Membership Brunch on December 3rd, Latkes and Vodka on December 23rd and Passover Poker on February 24th. We will also, once again be making and distributing Mishloach Manot baskets for Purim. Please look for our events on the website and in emails.

We are very excited to introduce and welcome our new board members:

Jessica Zink- Social Action Marina Finkelberg- Hospitality Svetlana Veksler- Hospitality

And we welcome back to the board: Gale Dillman- Recording Secretary

We continue to provide Bimah baskets and Mazel Tosses for your Simchas with part of your donation given to the charity of your choice. Please contact Serena Blackin.

We are very excited about our opening event, on September 17th, sponsored in conjunction with Men's Club. We will be welcoming Jackie Okun. She will be speaking about her Portuguese and French ancestral roots to the trials and tribulations of growing up Jewish in Egypt.

This event is open to everyone and breakfast will be served. Please look for more information in Hakol and in your Constant Contact emails.

Please be sure to visit our wonderful gift shop expertly handled by Serena Blackin and her "helpers".

Sisterhood is proud of its contributions over the years to many deserving causes including: Ronald McDonald House, North and South Brunswick Food Pantries, Mazon, and Sharshareet to name a few. We will continue to provide assistance to the B'nai Tikvah community and the community at large.

We hope you will join us at events, get involved in activities and be a part of our growing membership. If you are interested in joining a committee or helping with an event, please contact us.

We are looking forward to welcoming you and seeing you often during the year.

Lori Sookerman and Shelly Wistreich Co-Presidents



Membership – The new year is upon us and our membership drive for the 2017-18 year has begun. Please visit the CBT website for Sisterhood under Community for the membership application. Sisterhood would love to welcome you. For more information please contact Lisa Seidman 732-297-6950 Lssnj9@verizon.net

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Committee Chairs @ Bnaitikvah

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Maggid Eitan Gutin is the newest addition to B'nai Tikvah's professional leadership, having most recently served for six years as the Director of Lifelong Learning for Tifereth Israel Congregation in Washington, DC. He comes to us with experience in congregational schools, day schools, camps and youth groups. As a Maggid, a Jewish spiritual storyteller, Eitan uses stories and text to bring members of the Jewish community closer to each other and to the divine. He believes strongly that good Jewish Education has to nourish the heart and the spirit in addition to nourishing the intellect. Eitan met his wife, Aviva, at a USY convention right here in HaGalil; They are living in Highland Park with their son, Lev, and are thrilled to be back "home" in NJ.

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Thank you



Thank you to all my friends and members of B'nai Tikvah for all your support, love, and kindness towards me and my family during this period. Sherry would have a hug for all of you!!

Charlie Valan

WEEKDAY MINYANS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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.

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A Message From the Director of Education

Take a Breath...



This is about the Shofar. It is also about being a parent in 2017. It is also about Facebook (isn't everything these days?). This is expressly **not** about repentance, nor apples, nor memes. There will, however, be an obligatory comparison of the Shofar to an alarm clock.

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From the moment I became a parent new worries began to creep into my life. When my son was riding in the back seat of the car as an infant, I would worry if I could not hear him; then I would worry every time he made a noise. When I left his classroom on the first day of preschool I worried about whether he would feel abandoned and whether he would make friends. Now that he is old enough to walk and bike around our neighborhood on his own, I have a whole new set of worries, too long to list here...

The social media environment that we are subjected to as parents does not help. My Facebook friends and colleagues routinely share articles that seem geared to tell me that every choice I make as a parent is wrong. According to social media, I am feeding my son too much and too little, supervising him too much while being too distant for him to feel loved, stifling his creativity while providing an insufficient amount of structure, shielding him from and overexposing him to the realities of the world, and (of course) giving him too much screen time.

Of course, I do whatever I can to show the world that I've got this parenting thing down, no problem. On the inside, though, behind that mask of confidence, I often question past, present, and even future choices that my wife and I have made about raising our son. I am incredibly proud of my son - he knows right from wrong, makes friends easily, treats others with respect, and even eats more healthily than I do - but still, I worrv...

It is pretty clear that there are times when I need to pause and break free of this cycle of self judgment - the trouble is finding the right moment to do so.

Look in any Jewish community's Mahzor (High Holiday prayer book) and you will find that the themes of Rosh Hashanah are fairly common from place to place and sect to sect. Sitting ten days before Yom Kippur the Rosh Hashanah service is heavily focussed on God's role in the world as a sovereign who doles out rewards to those who follow the Divine word and punishment to those who stray from it. The prayers we read throughout the holiday, especially during the Musaf service, are meant to prepare us both mentally and spiritually for the act of

atonement, asking God to forgive the Jewish community for the previous year's transgressions.

The one hundred blasts of the Shofar are woven into Rosh Hashanah Musaf - first while the community is engaged in quiet, personal recitation of the Amidah prayer, and then with multiple sets of blasts throughout the Cantor's public recitation of same. Within this context, we often liken the Shofar to an alarm clock; the blasts are meant to WAKE US UP to our actions, so that we can fully engage in the act of atonement.

While the Shofar-as-wakeup-call metaphor is an ancient one going back more than 2000 years, it is far from the only interpretation of those 100 blasts. Saadia Gaon, a philosopher and scholar from the Ninth Century CE, came up with ten different interpretations of the Rosh Hashanah Shofar blowing; his interpretations were in turn built upon ideas from previous generations of rabbis, some from as far back as the First Century BCE.

There is at least one interpretation of the Shofar blasts, from about thirteen hundred years ago, that speaks particularly well to me and my own cycle of parental self-judgment. In a legend attributed to Rav Berechiah, these were God's words to the People of Israel about the Shofar blasts:

As the Shofar takes a breath in one end and out the other... I will change from my Judgmental side to my Merciful one...

Every loud blast of sound from the Shofar begins with something relatively quiet - a single breath being exhaled by the Ba'al Tekiah, the person sounding the Shofar for the community. It is the transformation of a small breath to a great sound that is the focus of the legend shared by Rav Berechiah. To which transformation is the Shofar compared? It is to God's transformation from one who judges to one who is merciful, one who gives humans the benefit of the doubt.

Judgment, like a simple exhalation of breath, is easy for most people. Mercy and forgiveness, like turning those breaths into the sounds of the Shofar, take focus and practice in order to happen.

As parents in the age of social media, it is easy for us to get stuck in a cycle of self-judgment. Sometimes, the only way to get out of that cycle is to pause, step back, and, just like God in Rav Berechia's legend, allow our sense of self-mercy and forgiveness to come through.

May we all use Hashem's gift of the Shofar blasts to break out of our own cycles of negativity and lead a healthier, more forgiving life in the year to come.

Shanah Tovah! Eitan Gutin, Director of Education



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When: Sunday, September 24th

Time: 1pm-3pm

RSVP: Email to nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com

Note: Due to a last minute change, the date printed in the B'nai Tikvah calendar is incorrect.

On the Kadima / USY Calendar

Sunday, September 17 USY Regional Opening Event

Sunday, September 24 NSB Kadima Opening Event (see above)

Sunday, October 1, 1 - 3pm NSB Kadima Sukkot Graffiti Marathon

Sunday, October 8 Kadima Regional Opening Day Event

Tuesday, October 10, 6:30 - 8pm NSB USY SA/TO in the Sukkah

Friday-Sunday, October 20-22 USY Regional Leadership Training (board only)

Wednesday, October 25 NSB USY Event TBD

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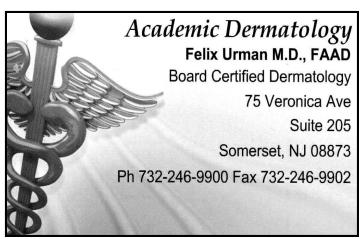
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Membership Corner

Your membership matters!



At of the time of the deadline for submissions for this issue of Hakol, we are so happy to welcome four new members to our B'nai Tikvah family. My hope as I write this is that this number increases exponentially so that for my next article, I have a long list of names to include.

We welcome: Jill Uroff, Selma Linefsky, Barry & Marcia Nathanson and their adult children Evan and Blaire, Bob & Margie Atwater and their adult children Ilana and Benjamin.

It has always been my opinion that being a member of Congregation B'nai Tikvah means getting involved. In 1988 when Marc and I were looking to join a local synagogue, we found B'nai Tikvah and the search stopped there. Months later, I went into the office to find out how I could get involved. That is a story for another time. As the newest Membership VP, I encourage everyone to do the same. There are many opportunities to lend a hand.

I am working to grow the membership committee. We are looking for people with video skills to work on a yearlong project. We have formed a Shiva committee to help our members during the difficult and sometimes confusing time of death; we have a new member welcome committee. While there are many projects I would like to undertake this year, one step at a time. Your help is needed – it could be heading to the grocery store to buy supplies for the welcome bags or helping to put those bags together. Perhaps you have an idea you would like to share.

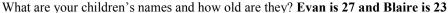
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Meet Our New Members

We are always happy to welcome new members to our B'nai Tikvah Family. The Nathanson family joined this past June. Following are their answers to some questions asked recently in an interview with them. So, when you see Evan, Marcia, Barry, or Blaire at our synagogue, be sure to introduce yourself to them!

What is your name? Marcia & Barry Nathanson



What is your home town? **South Brunswick, NJ**Barry grew up in Old Bridge, NJ Marcia grew up in East Brunswick, NJ

What are your occupations? Marcia is Senior VP of Business Development at First American Title. Barry is Police Operations Administrator for NJ Turnpike

Why did you join CBT? Now that are children are grown, we are looking to meet new people

What are you hoping to gain from your membership? Meet new people and attend some services

What is your favorite vacation? We just got back from England to see our daughter at the World Cup of lacrosse representing Team Israel in goal.

What is your favorite holiday? We both enjoy Thanksgiving.

Do you have any hobbies that you want people to know about?

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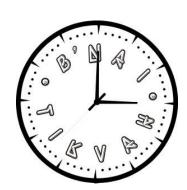
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Office & School Closed LABOR DAY		ECC (Board of Education ECC Orientation Luncheon with Rabbi		Executive Committee		Lunch with Rabbi Birthday Shabbat		Lunch and Learn First Round with Rabbi				
10	19 Elul	11	20 Elul	12	21 Elul	13	22 Elul	14	23 Elul	15	24 Elul	16	25 Elul
First Day Religious School Board of Directors		Religious Sch Luncheon with Israel Stamp Club Men's Basketball		neon with			Lunch Out with Rabbi Dinner and Davening Family Shabbat		First Junior Congregation Selichot Program /Service				
17	26 Elul	18	27 Elul	19	28 Elul	20	29 Elul	21	1 Tishrei	22	2 Tishrei	23	3 Tishrei
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