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From Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff

“I’m going in.”



Much ink has been spilled about the Pittsburgh shooter. There are as many explanations for his behavior as there are pundits explaining it. We hear a lot about President Trump’s incitement, his racist talk of invasions and infestations and terrorists. And then there is the decades-long breakdown of Middle America—the plundering by big business, the obsolete education, the unemployment, the despair, the opioid epidemic. And the two together, the cynical blustering incitement and the crushing depression, trigger the scapegoating.

I, for one, did not know that Western Pennsylvania was the last bastion of Western civilization but, if it is now on the verge of collapse, it must be the immigrants’ fault, or the liberals’, or the gays’, or the Jews’, or Obama’s, or Hillary’s, or Hillary’s e-mails, or somebody’s. And of course there are the guns, because we live in a country where, with the help of the gun industry, the right of a loony toon to wield an AR-15 has overtaken everyone else’s right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

All true enough, in my estimation. But they don’t pinpoint the root of the problem.

Look carefully at the language. “I’m going in.” What do those words mean? “Going in” to what? The expression smacks of macho bravado, as if he’s “going in” to take out an enemy machine gun emplacement that’s pinning down our troops. Or “going in” to a building where terrorists are killing hostages. He’s John Wayne. Bruce Willis. John Wick. He’s the guy who’s prepared to do what no one else is prepared to do. The real deal. True grit. The right stuff. A real hero. He’s Captain America.

Except Captain America doesn’t shoot sweet 97 year old ladies such as Rose Mallinger. May her memory be a blessing. So we have to ask ourselves, what kind of depraved mind could possibly invent a scenario where this barbarity could be taken seriously as striking a blow for human beings everywhere—or at least white human beings everywhere? What is the source of this delusion?

It’s not the desperate circumstances of the shooter’s life. First of all, his circumstances were not so desperate. High unemployment in the Midwest notwithstanding, there are about six billion people on our planet who would gladly trade places with him if only they could. And, seen from a different perspective: if there was anyone who could claim some imaginary right of “immorality as compensation for

desperation,” it would not be the shooter, but instead the holocaust survivors who went to Tree of Life and could have been his victims. But they don’t murder. They daven. In spite of the true horror they experienced, they don’t spend their lives wallowing in despair. They live like decent human beings instead, and inspire us with their humanity and their compassion.

Perhaps we could say that, rather than the desperation, it was the hate. The raw hate. The hate is obvious enough, but what’s not obvious is the nature of the hate, or the source of its intensity. Sure, there was anti-Semitism. And racism. And Islamophobia. And xenophobia. And on and on. You would run out of words before you ran out of hates. The shooter obviously hates everyone who isn’t a white male.

But to hate to such a murderous and delusional extent? Something deeper must be going on. My suggestion would be that more than anyone else, more than Jews or blacks or Muslims or immigrants or anyone else, the shooter hates... himself. And because this is a hatred from which he could not escape, it warped his mind and his heart with incessant and literally murderous intensity. He hates his ignorance, and his incompetence, and his irrelevance. He hates the fact that he spent his life using his head to crush beer cans on, rather than using it to learn something and better himself and his society. He hates the fact that his response to the weakening of his community was to weaken it further, to retreat from reality rather than to rise to the occasion and help shape it.

And above all, he hates his cowardice, his passive and distinctly “unmanly” submission to fate and disillusionment. He was brought up admiring, indeed worshipping, the rugged individualism that built this nation—but then he looked in the mirror and came to hate himself for not measuring up to it.

And that is why he created a fake universe in which he could be some kind of hero. That is why he is pathetic, and why Rose Mallinger is dead.

Do not misunderstand. Calling him pathetic excuses nothing. It is not at all an expression of sympathy. If anything, it is an expression of contempt, for him and for the entire ilk of David Dukes and Richard Spencers and the full rogues’ gallery of alt-right figures like him, who have spent their lives getting picked last for the sports teams, being turned down by the girls at the dance, wasting away in dead end jobs, playing with guns, and only finding solace in being the shock troops

“going in,” ready to sacrifice everything in a valiant fight to save a white race that doesn’t need saving and, if these losers were truly representative of it, wouldn’t deserve saving either. That’s why the shooter said, “I’m going in.” The problem was, unfortunately, tragically, that the enemy was not in the synagogue, but rather in himself. And, coward that he is, this was not an enemy he was prepared to face.

And if he won’t face it, how can we? What can we do to protect ourselves from this ugly, pathetic evil? Well, vigilance, of course. How ironic that a week after Canary Mission was absurdly criticized for outing the haters (which I discussed last week), everyone is calling for more oversight of (anti-)social media. And (if you’ll forgive me repeating myself), insisting on truth in public discourse. (If ever there was a time when the damage of insane conspiracy theories was writ large, it was in Pittsburgh).

And for G-d’s sake, take away the guns.

But all of these suggestions, and more like them, are defensive in posture. They don’t dispel the evil, they merely shield against it. To get to the heart of the matter requires, literally, heart. Compassion. Sympathy for the people who are learning, by intent and by circumstances, to hate everything, including and especially, themselves.

I am not at all suggesting some superficial generic forgiveness for the shooter. First of all, it is not our place to forgive. Second, the shooter has shown absolutely no sign of remorse, without which real forgiveness is impossible. But for every shooter, and bomb-maker, and car massacre driver who has already perpetrated his evil, there are hundreds of others who will follow in their footsteps if the power of love never comforts and consoles them. Where, exactly, we are supposed to find that compassion, I do not know. Our society has become one where compassion seems to be in short supply. And people like the shooter, almost all with that same profile—“He was a very quiet person. Kept to himself a lot. . . .”—would be very hard to reach under the best of circumstances.

And we are not living in the best of circumstances. But nevertheless, we must not give up on the possibility of human redemption. G-d forbid. G-d forbid that we should live in a world where the moral corruption of people like this should be inevitable and irredeemable. G-d forbid that we should live in the world described by Yehuda Amichai, the great Israeli poet, where he plays on the memorial prayer “Kel malei rachamim,” “G-d who is full of compassion—if G-d was not full of compassion, compassion would have been in the world. . . .”

In this week’s parasha there is a story that offers a glimmer of hope, and in a way, a model for us. It tells the story of Abraham, who seeks a wife for his son Isaac. Isaac in our story finds himself in a state of despair. His father, if you recall, had been on the verge of sacrificing him. Their relationship had been shattered. His mother, Sarah, had already died—perhaps after hearing of what Abraham had been planning to do. Abraham sends his servant all the way back to Babylon to find a mate for Isaac, and the events that unfold constitute the longest sustained narrative in the entire Bible. After all the drama, after going figuratively to the ends of the earth, after using every ounce of wealth and intelligence, and after some divine intervention as well, we read, finally, in the very last verse of the story, that “Isaac was comforted.” No stone was left unturned. Because that’s what it takes.

That’s what it takes to comfort a broken soul. And now, seeing before us the painful evidence of exactly how broken the souls are out there, it is incumbent on all of us, each and every one, to do what we can to bring more compassion and more comfort into the world. And please G-d, little by little, the warmth of compassion will eventually reach even the most despondent, and through the power of G-d’s love, they will see the image of G-d in themselves, and in us. And the killing will stop.

May it only be so. Amen.



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From our President Adrienne Ross

“As my ancestors planted before us, so must we plant for our children”... Talmud



I was asked recently, “What is the endowment fund?” “Why do we have one?” “How is this different from “Life and Legacy?”” As we prepare to celebrate Channukah, the Festival of Lights, I hope to shed some “light” on these questions.

Jewish tradition teaches us that one of our key responsibilities is to make the world a better place for future generations. This is why we believed it was important to begin an endowment program at Congregation B’nai Tikvah. Our Endowment Fund hopes to ensure that the culture, traditions and values of our congregation will exist for years to come. Participation also enables everyone to pass the values we treasure through l'dor v 'dor—from generation to generation—and helps ensure that Congregation B’nai Tikvah, our “Sons of Hope,” continues to be fruitful, grow stronger, and enhance the lives of our families for generations to come.

Congregation B’nai Tikvah’s Endowment program, initiated in 2016, is derived from two key sources: Life and Legacy Program (in partnership with the Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey) and generous donations directly into our Endowment Fund (whose major appeal has been integrated into our High Holiday Appeal). Funds that are placed in the Endowment Fund are segregated into special investment accounts that are separate and distinct from the ordinary financial operations of the Synagogue.

B’NAI TIKVAH LIFE AND LEGACY PROGRAM

Congregation B’nai Tikvah, in collaboration with the Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey and the Grinspoon Foundation’s “Assuring Jewish Tomorrows” is a proud participant in the Life and Legacy Program. This program provides incentives to the Congregation to secure “after-life”

gifts to sustain us. As part of the goals set by the Federation, achieving commitments from members to include Congregation B’nai Tikvah in their estate planning, we receive incentive monies that can be used today. To date, as a result of the 18+ commitments we have secured, we have received more than \$20,000 from the Federation/Grinspoon Foundation to establish our Endowment Program. At this time, the Endowment Fund has received the incentive funds but, thankfully, no “after-life” gifts have been received. It is my hope we wait many years for these to come to fruition.

B’NAI TIKVAH ENDOWMENT FUND

In my first year as President, while speaking with the Rabbi, he challenged me with the question, “How can we make the Endowment Fund a broad participation opportunity?”. With this in mind, I spoke of an “extra 10%” during Yom Kippur 2017. The request I made of the congregation was to consider adding 10% to your High Holiday Pledge to go into our Endowment Fund. My example was, if your Pledge was \$36, please add an additional \$3.60 and round it up to \$40. In this way, we are further building our Endowment Fund today. In fact, in two short years, we already have added an additional \$5,000 to our Endowment Fund.

Donations to the Endowment Fund, in addition to the other funds available, can be used as one way for you to honor or memorialize someone in perpetuity. There is no minimum donation to the Endowment Fund.

If you would like further information on Life and Legacy and/or our Endowment Fund, please contact me. This is but one small way that we can “kindle the flame” and continue the strength of our Congregation for years to come. ●



**Don't Miss the
Congregational
Meeting!**

See all of you Sunday morning, December 16th at 10am

The JCC Early Childhood Center

Building Skills in Early Childhood to Last a Lifetime



Carol Winter
Director

The month of December is always filled with lots of holiday fun. The children will be learning all about the beautiful holiday of Chanukah, as we spin the dreidel, light the Chanukiyah, and sing some very special Chanukah songs.

As the year 2018 winds down, I want to take a moment to applaud our children and their teachers for the incredible amount of learning, in every area, that has been acquired in only a few short months.

The children in Mrs. Tilbor and Mrs. Schemo's Pre-K class are developing their hand muscles, necessary for writing legibly, and many children are on the brink of beginning to read. There is also tremendous emphasis every day on developing their critical thinking, math, and reasoning skills, and of, course, social skills.

In Mrs. Buckwald and Mrs. Winter's class, the children are learning their colors and shapes; they are counting numbers on the calendar; reciting the ABC's; and learning to identify written letters and numbers, as well as their first name. They also are learning the very important skills of following directions, developing listening skills and, above all, they are learning to share, cooperate, and be part of a group.

Every other week throughout each month, the children continue to enjoy the wonderful benefits of Yoga, Zumba, and our School Library Program.

Yoga teaches young children about their bodies. When they practice the physical postures or exercises, they learn how to move more freely and develop strong and flexible bodies.

Through Zumba, the children are given the opportunity to jump, dance, shake, and swing their hips, which is the perfect recipe for fitness fun.

Our School Library Program encourages parents to read aloud with their child, with the goal of building the knowledge and skills their child will eventually require for learning to read. The safety and well-being of the children in our care is always of primary importance.

In October, we teachers received our two-year recertification training in CPR and First Aid. We pray that we never have to use it, but, if the situation ever arises, we are prepared. Each month, the children participate in a required monthly Fire Drill. This is an organized evacuation of our school to prepare everyone for the proper procedure in the event of an actual fire or any other emergency. The children always do an extraordinary job of exiting the building, quickly and quietly with the teachers, when they hear the bell ring.

On behalf of myself and our awesome ECC staff, we wish everyone a very happy and healthy Chanukah and a joyous New Year 2019! May the New Year bring peace and happiness to all of us. ●

USY / KADIMA



Sydney Sookerman
Advisor

Our November events turned out great for youth. Our Winter Olympics event included basketball, relay races, balloon games and more in the gym! Fun was definitely had by all. Next, our USYers enjoyed an Israeli Movie night where they chose from two movies, *Sallah Shabbati* and *Aviya's Summer*, complete with a spread of Israeli foods such as hummus & pita, Israeli salad, and kosher pickles. Finally, USYers ended their fun-filled month with Hagalil Fall Kinnus in Cranford, NJ, for a weekend filled with prayer, educational programming, time spent with friends at the dance, then ending the weekend at the Jewish Federation's Israel Teen Summit at Rutgers Hillel. Kadima also joined the Israel Teen Summit. They were accompanied as well by our Shinshinim Maya Shany. Kadima held its Fall Kinnus in Highland Park, NJ, a weekend that closely mirrors the USY conventions.

There are a lot of things happening in the month of December with both of our youth groups here at the North-South Brunswick Chapter of Hagalil. We will be joining B'nai Tikvah's Hanukkah Party on December 5th, where USY & Kadima will have a table where anyone can come make a delicious treat. This year, we will be making edible dreidels! If you are attending the celebration stop by our table. Continuing the celebration, USY will be having its Hanukkah event that evening and Kadima will be having its Hanukkah event on Sunday, December 9th.

December Events

BT Hanukkah Party - December 5th
N-S Brunswick Kadima Hanukkah Party - Dec. 9th
NSBUSY Kippah Painting (Chesed Day) - Dec. 19th
USY International Convention in Orlando Florida! - December 23rd-28th

An Important Announcement

B'nai Tikvah will be hosting a regional convention from February 1st to the 3rd. This will be the New Jersey region of USY Hagalil Mid-Winter Convention. As congregants, your help is needed to house these teens for the weekend. Whether you can hold 2 teens or 6 teens, any housing is crucial to a successful convention. With your help, Hagalil can have a wonderful weekend and we as a congregation can show Hagalil how strong and committed the community at B'nai Tikvah is to our youth.

Please contact Andrew Goldberger at mkag@comcast.net or me at nsbrunswickusy@gmail.com if you have any additional questions. ●

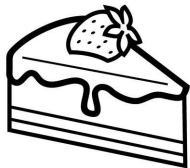
From the Bikur Cholim Committee



Gary Bergman, Joyce Gerbman, Maxine Kasdin, Jill Stone, Harriet Hershanov, and Allen Pinsky at a presentation to Maxine of plaques for durable medical equipment in honor of Mark Kasdin's dedicated service to B'nai Tikvah and the Bikur Cholim Committee.

3rd Annual Chesed for Hanukkah

Acts of Loving Kindness
Sweets for Community Responders



Tuesday, December 25
10 - 11am at B'nai Tikvah



We will gather to pack your home-baked sweets, then we will visit and deliver our packages of cakes and cookies to our local first responders, medical personnel, and all friends and neighbors who sacrifice their holiday time for our community.

Let Us Know That You Will Participate

Please contact Meryl Harris in the synagogue office or Cantor Rockman.

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CONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH MEN'S CLUB

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Craig Cohen



Josh Oliver

Man & Youth Of The Year Award Ceremony at Marlboro Jewish Center



Rob Blitzer (Regional VP), Mason Smoller, Barry Safeer, Brad Allen, and Elliott Brown (Pres.)

This year's FMJC Man of The Year, Barry Safeer - Autobiography



From the first day I joined Congregation B'nai Tikvah, I felt at home and have been involved in our shul in so many ways. As a newlywed, I started as the USY Advisor for my first five years at CBT. In my second year, I was hired to lead our Junior Congregation and I haven't stopped. It's been 28 years and still counting. Wow!

My current active involvement:

- Leading weekly minyan for 10 years
- Running a successful basketball fundraising program for 13 years
- Gift Card Fundraising Chairman for nine years
- Currently serving on the Board of Directors for two years
- Youth Treasurer for six years
- Men's Club Treasurer for two years

My past involvement included teaching Hebrew Chai school for four years and being the Entertainment Book Fundraising Chairman for 15 years. All the above is on top of my professional career, which has included working in Finance in the Pharmaceutical industry for 14 years.

My current daily work life is occupied by having my own CPA business in East Brunswick for the last eight years. My three children (Rebecca, Sarah, and Joshua) have grown up at CBT celebrating Baby Namings, B'nai Mitzvas, Chai School graduations, and we have an upcoming wedding simcha we are looking forward to. Thank you to my wife, Phyllis, who has supported me with all my activity at B'nai Tikvah and to my parents who started me out on my Jewish journey so many years ago and showed me the value of volunteerism and getting involved in synagogue life.



Lori Sookerman



Shelly Wistreich

Come nosh and slosh with your CBT family on December 22nd, at 8:00 pm. There will be latkes, noshes, and samplings of different vodkas (and non-alcoholic drinks). Bring your favorite vodka and cocktail mixers to share with the party. RSVP by December 17th to Sheryl Levin: cdm0710@optonline.net. Tickets are \$10 for members and \$14 for non-members (\$15 or \$20 respectively at the door).

The Sisterhood Social Action Program is collecting scarves, gloves, and hats for people in need. Sisterhood will be collecting these items at Latkes & Vodka on December 22nd. You also can email Jessica Zink, at jessicazink@optonline.net, to arrange for drop off/pick up of items.

Wednesday, March 27th - We welcome as speaker Rabbi Deborah R. Prinz, author of "On the Chocolate Trail," a delicious adventure connecting Jews, religions, travel, rituals, and recipes to the magic of cacao. Yum!

Mazel Tosses

Enhance the simcha of your child's special day by having Sisterhood provide these bags of soft candy to sweeten the day. Also great for an aufruf. Order your Mitzvah Baskets and Mazel Tosses at www.bnaitikvah.org at least one month before your mitzvah.

Torah Fund

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Contact: Ann Rosenzweig 732-249-9141
Anndyapt@optimum.net

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Serena Blackin. 732-390-9515 or 848-702-3445

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Help us decorate the bima with nonperishable food baskets. We also deliver baskets to other synagogues. Tell your friends about this service. Contact: Teresa Samtur 732-821-8163 or msamtur@comcast.net

Membership

Please visit bnaitikvah.org/sismember to discover the joy of getting involved in our circle. Sisterhood will love welcoming you. Lisa Seidman Lssnj9@verizon.net

Daily Schedule of Services

Sunday	9:00 am & 7:30 pm
Monday	7:30 pm
Tuesday	7:30 pm
Wednesday	7:30 pm
Thursday	7:30 am & 7:30 pm
Friday	8:00 pm
Saturday	9:30 am

If they seem disappointed, it's because



the ART AUCTION, scheduled for December 8th, has been postponed till some time later on in May.

Our Experience in Israel

Our Family's Perspective



Brian Berness

Our experience in Israel was a real life and perspective changing trip for my family who ranged in age from 8 to 74. We spent almost two weeks visiting the old and new- from the relatively young city of Tel Aviv to the ancient sacred sites in Jerusalem and Tzvat. In between, we learned about the fight for Israeli independence, the history of the struggles in the Golan Heights, Caesaria, and Masada, Yad Vashem, and the Garden of the Righteous Among the Nations. Those only scratch the surface. There was so much packed into those two weeks that we will never forget.

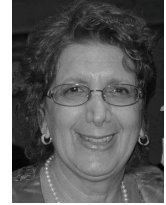
I was really struck by a few things during the trip that really changed what I had previously understood about Israel. The pride and ownership that the Israeli people have in the history and culture of the land gave me a wonderful feeling as an American Jew.

In Tel Aviv, we visited the Independence Hall where we learned about David Ben-Gurion's declaration of Israeli independence in 1948 and Rabbi Maimon's (Fishman) recital of the Shehecheyanu blessing and got to hear how shaky his voice was at the moment. Then, as they did on May 14, 1948, we all broke into singing Hatikvah. In that moment, you could see that the young woman who led us, who could not have been more than 25 or so, was beaming with the pride of that moment 70 years before.

In the Galilee, we took jeep rides in the Golan Heights, many of the drivers had been veterans of the conflicts of 1956, 1967, and 1973. The love they felt for their country and the pride in the sacrifices they made for it was unmistakable.

On a personal level, our three sons were very unhappy to leave Israel. We were so proud to listen to my oldest son read from the Torah on Shabbat, to help our middle son select his Tallit for his Bar Mitzvah in 2020, and to soothe our youngest who cried that he didn't want to leave. They are all very determined to go back to Israel on Birthright.

Creating A Legacy



Ruth Anne Koenick

Several years ago, I attended a meeting at Federation to learn about a new program called *Create a Jewish Legacy*, a program to help individuals start endowments for their favorite Jewish agency or synagogue. The purpose of the endowment is to help those organizations perpetuate the Jewish experience and community we had each benefitted from. The Federation's program would help make this happen and was truly a gift.

I had written instructions to my children that I wanted to leave some money to B'nai Tikvah. I did this in response to Danny Greenberg's often stated wish to begin an endowment for the Synagogue. However, here was a chance to make that happen while I was still alive, to say while I was living how much B'nai Tikvah means to me. Consequently, through the *Create a Jewish Legacy* this could happen. I was able to create a small endowment and encouraged family and friends to donate to my endowment instead of giving birthday or other life event gifts.

When *Life and Legacy* was started three years ago to encourage the development of endowments, my immediate thought was I have already done this, why do another. Yet I was drawn by two things. First it was something that could happen after I die and second, it was another way to recognize the impact B'nai Tikvah has had on my life.

When I joined Congregation B'nai Tikvah, I knew I had come home. Creating another type of Legacy would help assure B'nai Tikvah would continue to be a home for members of our Jewish community. While an incentive to do this was the money that CBT would get from the Harold Grinspoon foundation for members becoming part of this program, I mostly wanted to do something else to show my love of and commitment to CBT.

I hope you will join many of your friends and fellow congregants and commit to a *Life and Legacy*. For more information, contact Keith or Tammy Zimmerman, Co-chairs, or ask me and I will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

This is just a reminder of what was announced in the last issue

Save The Date

March 30th - to honor our Rabbi's 40 years
of service to the Jewish community

SOCIAL ACTION IT'S ALREADY THAT TIME.... HELP A NEEDY FAMILY FOR THE HOLIDAYS



Janice Baer

Why we run this program?

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

Who are these families?

These families are all in need. They are referred by various sources, including Jewish Family Services and school social workers.

How does this program work?

Each family will fill out a wish list of its needs. The wish lists typically include items such as towels, sheets, blankets, clothing, shoes, coats, and children's toys.

How can you help?

1. **Become a coordinator** for one family's wish list. This might involve getting your family, friends, co-workers, and merchants to donate the needed items to fulfill the family's wish list.
2. **Volunteer to obtain** one or more of the items on a family's wish list.
3. **Donate money** that will be used specifically to purchase items on a family's wish list. Checks should be made payable to Congregation B'nai Tikvah Holiday Program.

PLEASE RESPOND BY DECEMBER 9th

Either mail the completed form to Janice Baer, 70 Diamond Spring Drive, Monroe Twp. 08831, bring it to the synagogue office, or email the info to Jbbd11@verizon.net or call 732 940-0268.

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HELP A NEEDY FAMILY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ E-Mail: _____

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___ I want to volunteer to provide one or more items on a family's wish list

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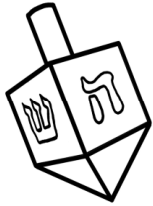
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During his extensive career, General Ben Meir served as Head of the Research and Analysis Division and as the military intelligence attaché to the United States in Washington, DC.

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Co-Youths Of The Year

Mason Harris Smoller is 16 years old and a Junior at East Brunswick High School. Mason loves many things. Not vegetables. He loves pizza, Mike & Ike candy, and his dog, Zoey. He loves the shows *The Office*, *How I Met Your Mother*, and *The League*. He loves music. He has played the string bass since 4th grade and played in the NJEA Regional Orchestra. He loves many genres of music. If you look at his Apple Music playlist, it includes everything from Eminem, Kanye, and Macklemore to Queen and the Beatles.



Everyone who knows Mason knows he is a loyal Jets fan and loves football (most sports, actually). Mason is outgoing and has set his sights on a career in sports journalism. And he loves USY.

His friendly nature made his goals of leadership within USY attainable. He's gained leadership experience as VP of Membership & Programming and now President for the North & South Brunswick chapter of USY, and put himself out there as a Junior, running for the executive board.

While he didn't win, he continues to challenge himself. He is always growing - he's 5' 10" already - but he has grown as a young man, a Conservative Jew as part of the B'nai Tikvah Community, and the Hagalil region of USY.

Brad Allen is a senior at South Brunswick High School. His scholastic accomplishments include Commended Student recognition in the National Merit Program, induction into the National Honor Society, membership in South Brunswick High School's Math Honor Society, and High Honor Roll achievement in each school term.



Brad has been a member of South Brunswick High School's Boys Volleyball Team since 2017, and was selected as team captain in 2018. He also has been a member of South Brunswick High School's Boys Cross Country team since his freshman year. Brad has served in various leadership positions in Congregation B'nai Tikvah's United Synagogue Youth Chapter: Freshman Representative in 2016, Israeli Affairs Vice President in 2017, and Membership/Programming Co-Vice President in 2018.

Brad has volunteered with numerous local and regional organizations, including Hackensack Meridian Health, Special Olympics, Congregation B'nai Tikvah, and South Brunswick Township Police Athletic League in the Junior Hoops basketball program.

Brad was selected this year as a Peer Leader, a school leadership program where seniors serve as mentors to freshmen to help ease their transition to high school. Brad was named to South Brunswick High School Class of 2019 Homecoming Court from a field of 370 students.

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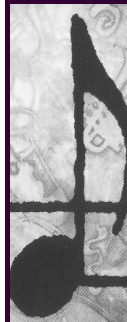
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<p>2 24 Kislev KADIMA Religious School Promenaders FIRST NIGHT OF HANUKAH</p>	<p>3 25 Kislev Board of Directors Open Men's Basketball HANUKAH</p>	<p>4 26 Kislev Open Men's Basketball HANUKAH</p>	<p>5 27 Kislev Religious School ECC Hanukah Party USY Party HANUKAH</p>	<p>6 28 Kislev Judaism & Conflict HANUKAH</p>	<p>7 29 Kislev HANUKAH</p>	<p>8 30 Kislev Jr. Congregation ROSH CHODESH HANUKAH</p>
<p>9 1 Tevet RS Hanukah Party IDF Breakfast KADIMA ROSH CHODESH HANUKAH</p>	<p>10 2 Tevet Movie Presentation Open Men's Basketball</p>	<p>11 3 Tevet Book Club Open Men's Basketball</p>	<p>12 4 Tevet Religious School</p>	<p>13 5 Tevet Judaism & Conflict</p>	<p>14 6 Tevet Birthday Shabbat</p>	<p>15 7 Tevet Jr. Congregation Lunch & Learn</p>
<p>16 8 Tevet Religious School Congregational Meeting Promenaders</p>	<p>17 9 Tevet Sisterhood Board Open Men's Basketball</p>	<p>18 10 Tevet Nursery Conferences Open Men's Basketball FAST OF TEVET</p>	<p>19 11 Tevet Religious School USY Event</p>	<p>20 12 Tevet Judaism & Conflict Bikur Cholim Executive Committee</p>	<p>21 13 Tevet</p>	<p>22 14 Tevet Latkes & Vodka</p>
<p>23 15 Tevet USY Convention Week</p>	<p>24 16 Tevet ECC Winter Break</p>	<p>25 17 Tevet Chesed for Hanukah Office & Schools Closed</p>	<p>26 18 Tevet No Religious School</p>	<p>27 19 Tevet</p>	<p>28 20 Tevet</p>	<p>29 21 Tevet First Round with Rabbi</p>
<p>30 22 Tevet Promenaders</p>	<p>31 23 Tevet NEW YEAR'S EVE</p>					



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