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# Tu B'Shevat "New Year of the Trees"



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Lunch with Rabbi
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Lunch with Rabbi (noon)
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USY Dinner & Movie

### From Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff

You can't tell where you're going if you don't know where you came from.



This time of year marks a great period of transition from the Book of Genesis to the Book of Exodus. That may not sound so dramatic but, trust me, it's not merely a question of turning a page. Instead, our readings from the Torah trace the history of human civilization—and more than that, they invite us to examine our place in that history.

Throughout the Book of Genesis, we were reading about the passionate desires that make life with humans so filled with danger yet, at the same time, so filled with potential. There's disobedience (Adam and Eve), hatred and violence (Cain and Abel), lust and rape (Dinah and Shechem), disloyalty and betrayal (Joseph and his brothers). But there's also love (Isaac and Rebecca), devotion (Abraham), perseverance (Leah), resourcefulness (Joseph). The list could be multiplied many times over. The full spectrum of human behavior, good and bad, is on display in Genesis.

By the end of the book, though, something has happened, something that will change the world. A new people is born. Our people. From a single father, to a small family, to a clan, to a people. It is—we are—a people whose origin is linked to the promises of peoplehood, the fate of a particular land, and the commands of a god (in fact *The* G-d, the One and Only). Our fathers and mothers stood alone in the struggle to overcome the worst in human nature, and to accentuate the best.

There was little in the pagan world, with its cruelty and rapaciousness, to guide them. And our mysterious G-d offers precious little. G-d only speaks about three dozen times in Genesis, and ten of those times are in the first chapter! Many verses, and many years, can go by with-

out anyone hearing the voice of G-d. Nevertheless, by the end of the book, the Jewish people have become distinct enough that they are poised to offer a new and radical divine vision to the world.

Ours is a nation that is meant to be hospitable and just toward neighbors and strangers; a nation where relationships are based on integrity, not on fear or dominance; a nation with humble aspirations, more interested in conquering character than conquering empires; and, above all, a nation in covenant partnership with G-d. Still, two things have to happen in order for our ancestors to live up to those standards. First, we have to get back home—remember that the Book of Genesis ends with exile in Egypt. But, second, on the way home, we must receive the ultimate gift of divine guidance, the "legislation" that will allow not just a small family but instead an entire people to exist without tearing themselves apart—the Torah.

It is this unique combination— the purification in the crucible of experience and the tempering with divine wisdom— that sets the Jewish people apart.

And now....what? What are we supposed to make of all this? If we merely read Genesis, followed by Exodus, as a glimpse into our past, we will completely miss its ultimate purpose. Instead, we are invited to look to the lessons of Genesis and Exodus and apply them to our own time. What are the passions that threaten to tear us apart *today*? What can we do *today* to keep them in check? How in *today*'s noise-saturated world can we tease out at least an echo of the word of the Lord? What can we do *today* to the covenant?

William Faulkner once famously said, "The past isn't dead. It isn't even past." There's no greater example of that truth than the Torah's stories of our origins. They live in us, and we, whether we know it or not, live in them.

# Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> Lunch & Sing



### Cantor Bruce D. Rockman from the Religious School

## What's Happening at Religious School: A Year of Service



This year in our religious school we have begun participating in the "ShinShinim" program--the name is derived from the Hebrew letters Shin Shin, the first letters in the words "Shnat (year of) Sherut (service). It is the gap year for Israeli high school graduates before their mandatory military service.

A "*shinshin*" is an emissary sent by the Israeli government and the Jewish Agency for Israel to communities abroad with the goal of educating people of all ages about Israel and Israeli culture. Maya Shany, our "shinshin" is supported by Federation and by contributions from B'nai Tikvah and Neve Shalom in Metuchen.

The vision and mission of the *ShinShinim* program is to bring *ruach Yisraelit* (Israeli spirit) to the people with whom they work and provide informal programming to build Jewish identity and to educate children and adults about the Jewish homeland.

The *"ShinShinim"* program strengthens Israel and Diaspora relations through the strong people-to-people connections that the program cultivates.

The goals of the "ShinShinim" program are:

- 1. To build a solid relationship between the community and Israel by nurturing a real personal connection between young Israelis and area Jews.
- 2. To encourage members of our community to see Israel as an integral and crucial piece of our Jewish identity.

3. To move people from a simple love to a more complex understanding of, and pride in, Israel.

This is the first year that our community has participated in the program. Gradually, we are realizing the fruits of our commitment. Maya participates in our programs and brings her spirit to our Religious School classes. The most obvious result has been the growing relationships between our students and Maya; a few of our Dalet students are looking forward to visiting Maya in Israel.

### Tu B'shvat

"A well tended sapling grows into a tall, strong tree. A child who is nurtured and inspired to love Israel and to care for it will grow into strong, upstanding citizens with a strong sense of identity. This is what the JNF Youth and Education Division is about - nurturing the next generation so that they can in turn love and nurture Israel, their heritage."

We all "planted trees" in Israel when we were kids. We dreamed of traveling to Israel and visiting our trees. JNF has been planting trees in Israel, rebuilding our ancient homeland, since 1901. Today, we can visit Israel and experience how JNF has built cities such, as Tel Aviv, and invented advanced water filtration systems and irrigation methods that are helping to save our planet.

This year, our school will greatly benefit from the relationship the leadership of B'nai Tikvah has nurtured with the Jewish National Fund (JNF). In celebration of Tu B'shvat, Israel's Arbor Day, on January 13<sup>th</sup>, a JNF educator will present age-appropriate programs to all of our students. On May 5<sup>th</sup>, we will host a second JNF educational program in conjunction with Yom Haatzmaut, Israel Independence Day.

As you may know, I am very enthusiastic about our connection with Israel. Our generation has been gifted with extraordinary access to Israel and to our heritage. It is my mission to teach our story to our students and help them develop their own personal understanding of our Jewish inheritance.

Let's Learn Together, Cantor Bruce Rockman



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### From our President Adrienne Ross

The world stands upon three things: Torah, divine service, and acts of kindness. (*Avot* 1:2)



While I may not remember much from my days at Hebrew School, I do remember learning that Pirke Avot teaches us the world stands on three things. Finding a community that enables us to live these tenets is important and, as we say, "at B'nai Tikvah, You Can."

### 1) Torah:

The concept of Torah can be defined in two ways: 1) The Mitzvah of reading the Torah out loud, and 2) the mitzvah of learning. While everyone is well aware that you can hear the reading of the Torah at CBT, it is also important to appreciate the myriad of learning opportunities that we have and encourage members to partake. Some of the opportunities are "didactic" and some are "experiential."

A few weeks ago, we sponsored a "Friends of IDF" brunch for the community. There were almost a hundred people gathered to learn more about what the FIDF does: "we support them, so they can defend us." CBT was well represented at the brunch but importantly, this provided a meaningful opportunity for us to learn how we, at CBT, can show our support for Israel and learn more about the important programs the Friends of IDF have.

How else can we learn and challenge our mind? Whether you come to shul on Shabbas and are challenged to think by our Rabbi's words of wisdom, participate in the Hartman Institute course or weekly lunch program, or had the opportunity to see the film, "The Fight of Our Lives," it is clear that *at CBT you can* continue to learn and grow.

#### 2) Divine Service:

Divine Service (or prayer) is easily understood. For me, prayer is both in the synagogue and in the home. The power of a congregation praying together cannot be overstated. For anyone who doubts me, plan to be in shul on February 2<sup>nd</sup> when CBT hosts USY Mid-Winter Convention. The power of prayer will ring through the building as we pray together with more than two hundred High Schoolers.

### 3) Acts of Kindness:

The morning of our Annual Meeting, the building was abuzz with donations for our Needy Family program. Our Congregation helped make the holidays brighter for some families who, without our caring, would not have had much to celebrate. We provided socks, coats, blankets, and other basics to keep our adopted families warm and to bring joy to their lives. Janice Baer has led this effort for years, with significant support from Jen Shapiro and others on the committee, who manage lists, shopping, packing, and distribution, providing us the opportunity for CBT to demonstrate that we care and fulfill the mitzvot of chesed. What is amazing is how much participation we have, with everyone being an "unsung hero." No recognition, no plaques. Just that warm feeling of knowing we've helped someone.

One of the other amazing things about our Congregation is how we are there for individuals in need. Not only do we meet the needs of the greater community and feed our souls, but we are there for our own community at times of need. Whether this is through our Bikur Cholim, where we tend to needs of the ill, or when we ensure a minyan for a house of mourning...at CBT, You Can!

But we also can celebrate! This year, we will have the privilege of honoring our Rabbi and Ruth-Ann for their 40 years of divine service to the Jewish Community. We will join together and celebrate the leadership that enables us, every day, to help define who we are as a Congregation and a community. Please join me on March 30<sup>th</sup> in celebrating together and know that... *at CBT, You Can!* 

# HAKOL

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## The JCC Early Childhood Center

### Saying Goodbye Is Never Easy



Carol Winter

The JCC of North and South Brunswick Early Childhood Center has enjoyed a long history of excellence since 1975 and has been one of the longest-running preschools in our area. Unfortunately, changing demographics, along with the emergence of public preschools, have made it financially impossible for us to keep our ECC doors open any longer.

Saying goodbye is never easy. A new chapter for both students and teachers. A new journey that we are all about to take. The loving, kind, and caring demeanor, day after day, of the teachers, both past and present, has truly been an asset to me, as well as to all the children whose lives we have touched.

Together, throughout the years, we gave so many children the skills and confidence necessary to become independent, proud, successful adults. We guided many children through the small things which often turned out to be milestones. We wiped lots of tears, tied lots of shoes, went through gallons of glue and paint, cut up reams of construction paper, cleaned up tons of toys, and we even managed to potty train a few children along the way!

How much fun and how rewarding it has been for me for the past three decades, but most memorable of all is what the children gave to my heart. It truly has been an honor and a joy to have played a significant role in educating a generation of young children in our community. These wonderful memories will remain in my heart forever.

> L'hitraot, Carol Winter

# Inquiring Minds Need To Know:

- **Illness:** if someone you know is hospitalized or ill at home, send a note in confidence to: bikur@bnaitikvah.org The committee will confer with Rabbi Wolkoff and provide whatever assistance they can.
- **Birth:** We love to send these announcements of Mazel Tov with details of name, weight, and date of birth. Also provide names of the parents and siblings. A picture would be nice if the baby agrees to pose.

## USY / KADIMA





Sydney Sookerman Advisor

Our December events were a success! Kadima and the entire religious school came together for B'nai Tikvah's annual Chanukah Party. USY had a table, where everyone made an edible dreidel out of a marshmallow, pretzel stick, icing, and a Hershey kiss! It was definitely a crowd favorite.

The following Sunday, Kadima held its own Chanukah party, where we played a white elephant game and everyone went home happy with a gift! The Kadimanicks ate latkes, played dreidel, enjoyed music and basketball in the gym. USY'ers turned out for a Kippah Painting & "Late Night" Cereal Bar event to honor the mitzvah of Chesed Day-Acts of Kindness.

The Kippahs they created will be donated to the synagogue. Feel free to put one on as you enter B'nai Tikvah! Lastly, Hagalil USY attended the USY International Convention (IC) in sunny Orlando, Florida, December 23rd - 29th. USYers get to experience memorable things at IC, such as seeing their summer program friends from far away regions, listening to famous guest speakers, getting involved with community service. Convention attendees always experience something incredible at IC (such as when reggae music star Matisyahu performed for USY in Chicago last year)!

#### **January Events**

Kadima Movie Night (SA/TO) - January 5<sup>th</sup> USY & Kadima Off-Site Event - January 13<sup>th</sup> Hagalil USY Freshman Shabbaton/Dance - January 18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> USY Chinese Food & Movie Night (SA/TO) - January 30<sup>th</sup>

#### An Important Announcement

B'nai Tikvah will be hosting the Regional Convention from February 1<sup>st</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup>. This will be the New Jersey Region of USY Hagalil Mid-Winter Kinnus. As congregants, your help is needed to house these teens for the weekend. Whether you can host 2 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.

Sign up at this link to be a host: bnaitikvah.org/usyconv

Any questions about housing, please contact: Serena Blackin: serena@blackin.org 732-390-9515 or Steve Juro: sjuro@verizon.net 732-343-4088





Craig Cohen



Josh Oliver

# World Wide Wrap XIX Sunday, February 3<sup>rd,</sup> 9:00 am



Conservative Jews from around the world will celebrate the mitzvah of Tefillin at morning minyan, joining thousands of others in the ninth annual "World Wide Wrap" sponsored by the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs.



# Annual CBT Gala Event Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

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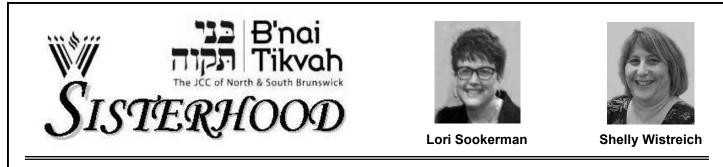
It's going to be a great night... as always!

Let's Celebrate Our Rabbi & Rebbitzin for all they have done for the Jewish Community, especially Ours!

- Attend the Gala
- Place an ad or "wellwisher"
- Sell an ad or provide a Silent Auction item

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**Saturday, February 9th** - Bring your friends and join us for Passover Poker. Open to the entire community. See our ad in this edition of Hakol. RSVP to rakoenick@gmail.com.

**Wednesday, March 27th** - In conjunction with the East Brunswick Jewish Center, we welcome 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. This program is open to the entire community. See our flyer on page 9 and on the website.

### 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

The new pins are available with a \$180-or-above pledge. We'll love welcoming you as a Torah Fund benefactor, helping the Women's League for Conservative Judaism to support the Jewish Theological Seminary, its teachers, Cantors, and Rabbis.

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

### **Gift Shop**

Store Hours: Sunday 9 am - 12 pm January Special: 20% off all tallit and jewelry Take an additional 50% off all clearance items Serena Blackin. 732-390-9515 or 848-702-3445

### **Mitzvah Baskets**

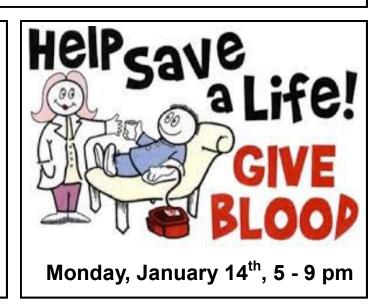
Help us decorate the bima with nonperishable food baskets. We also deliver baskets to other synagogues. Tell your friends about this service. Contact: Teresa Samtur 732-821-8163 or msamtur@comcast.net

### 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	v 7:30 pm
Thursday	7:30 am & 7:30 pm
Friday	8:00 pm
Saturday	9:30 am



### Shalom...thoughts from a B'nai Tikvah congregant

#### **Time & Shabbat**

As I sit at my computer, pondering what to write for the next issue of Hakol, my mind is drawn back to that time in our lives when the world seemed to be in a state of helter-skelter, 18 years ago, in 1999. As you may recall,

many of us were quite apprehensive about the



Joel Goldman

potential problems that were approaching as we moved closer to the start of the year Y2K + 1, but we made

it and the world was still intact on January 1, 2001.

On reflection, the issue of a Jewish response, being a People of the Book, took on a different meaning. We do have an ancient tradition of learning and deriving meaning from the flow of time within and across every moment. Holy texts have taught us that Jewish time does not have the linear, sequential quality of Day Timers or pocket calendars that we use to plan our linear, sequential activities. We attune ourselves to the rhythms and qualities of time by attending to the flow or energies throughout the year, across and within months, through the periodicity of the holy days, and the ways in which our bodies, souls, minds, and hearts respond to, and accompany, the flow of time and our harmonies.

The daily, weekly, monthly and yearly cycles speak to us as we prepare for Shabbat. The first Shabbat of the new millennium evoked the question of whether we would be ready. The technology of time has given us nano-seconds, carbon dating, and 24-hour banking, but the basic software of Jewish time is Shabbat. For days we live in a world governed by the means and ends of production. Shabbat, as Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel said, is a palace in time, and in that last year of the old millennium we faced the possibility that the palace itself could be severely damaged. Instead of sitting in the warmth and light of Shabbat, we could have been sitting in cold and darkness. We were concerned that the BIOS (Basic Input Output System) in our computers may have had trouble understanding that last click from 1999 to 2000, but Shabbat runs on a different set of control statements.

How can we bring the wisdom and insights of Shabbat to inform our actions and understandings in response to the hazards of relying too heavily on the flimsy artificial and technological devices of our time? On the monthly cycle, we will be preparing for Rosh Chodesh, the vessel which will hold the blessings for the month of Shevat. That Shabbat is the 21<sup>st</sup> of the month of Tevet. In the last days of Tevet, the moon will be getting smaller, the reflection of the source of all light will be getting fainter. In the dark of the moon, in the dark of the winter, we ask that the life-sustaining rhythms and sequences of time continue to nourish us and all creation in the month of Shevat and for the year ahead. Leading up to Parshat Shemot, we must re-double our energies regarding the social, economic, and political slavery and oppression which is already upon us. That, as many people as possible should be working gainfully. That social systems are attending to the sick, the poor, the orphan and the stranger. That food banks for the hungry should be full and shelters for the homeless are provided. That we all take a step back and reflect on how we can contribute to making this world a better place for the next generation.

A heavy message and a big responsibility, but one we dare not avoid.

Eileen, Joshua, and I wish our fellow congregants a healthy, prosperous, and peaceful year ahead.

B'Shalom, Joel Goldman

## **ENJOY LUNCH AND LEARN**

Enjoy three of life's pleasures— learning, discussing, and eating— on Wednesdays, 12-2pm, at CBT.	with questions, comments, our own take on the subject.
	No learning on an empty stomach, right?
Rabbi Wolkoff starts us off with an explanation of the week's parasha, or perspective on a holiday, or theories on an issue (based on a terrific handout). Examples: Chanukah, miracle or	So we begin with a Classical Caterers lunch: a hot entrée, salad, and cookies (\$12).
power grab? Contemporary parallels to 2500 BCE. Joseph, hero and/or manipulator? We, the 6 - 13 "students," jump in	Interested? Call the office (732-297-0696) to confirm that you'll be joining us.

Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> JNF Tu B'Shevat Religious School program





### **The Security Committee**

In response to the recent events that have impacted our fellow Jewish families, B'nai Tikvah has organized an internal security committee to work with our North Brunswick Police Department's Local Law Enforcement Unit as well as to connect with U.S.



Homeland Security. Our mission is to implement standards and practices that keep pace with the challenges we face in making sure all of our members and guest are safe when visiting and participating in events in our building.

We take the issue of security VERY SERIOUSLY, as evidenced by our applying for and being awarded a \$147,000 Security Grant to upgrade systems and protection elements on our property. Complementing those upgrades are just the first steps in our process of making everyone feel comfortable from arrival to departure.

# awarded a \$147.000 Security Grant to upgrade systems and protection

During the next few months, we look forward to sharing our progress as we move ahead. We also want to make everyone aware that this is all "work in Progress," so we ask everyone's patience.

At this point, we are looking for adult congregants to be greeters at Friday evening and Saturday morning Shabbat services. These greeters are not "security", but rather a welcoming asset and additional eyeballs on those coming to our services. The first line of defense here is <u>observation</u>. If you see something, say something to any member who's overseeing the service.

Looking forward to updating all of you as we move ahead. If anyone has additional questions, please reach out via email to either Kevin Krane (VP/Admin) at: kevinrkrane@gmail.com or myself: Charlie Valan (Chair/House & Grounds) at runnerclv@aol.com.

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### Meet one of our newest members



Maisy (1), Josh, Cheryl, and Miriam (4)

#### What is your home town?

I'm originally from Philadelphia (the northeast) and when I was 15 my family and I moved to Cherry Hill, NJ. My husband grew up in Cherry Hill. In 2012, my husband and I moved to South Brunswick so I could be closer to my job.

#### What is your occupation?

I am the Coordinator of Family Advocacy and Advocacy Servicers at The Arc of New Jersey, the state chapter of The Arc. I help families who have a child or adult child with an intellectual and developmental disability to navigate the system. My husband is a Licensed Social Worker and a Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselor. He works at University Behavioral Health Care, which is part of Rutgers.

#### Why did you join CBT?

My daughter Miriam started at CBT's preschool when she was 2 and we fell in love with the community and have been here ever since! We have been attending Family Shabbat and other activities for a few years now, but now that Miriam is 4 years old and in religious school, we felt it was time to become official members of CBT.

#### What are you hoping to gain from your membership?

I hope to build more friendships and a better understanding of my Jewish faith.

#### What is your favorite vacation?

I really enjoy sleeping these days (2 young kids keep me busy!), but being outside and exploring new places is a favorite family activity.

#### What is your favorite holiday?

Passover. I love the traditions, the story, and the food!

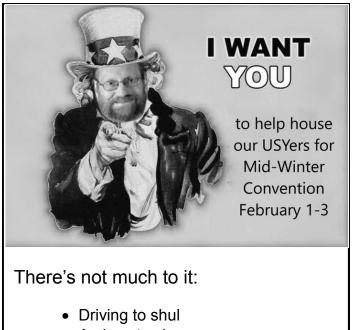
#### Share one fun fact about you or your family.

Although my husband and I lived 5 minutes away from each other in Cherry Hill, we did not meet until our college graduation. I live on the "east side" and he lived on the "west side" so we went to different schools, including high school. We finally met when we randomly sat next to each other at our college graduation. The rest is history!

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Hope to see you on March 30<sup>th</sup> to honor our Rabbi's 40 years of service to the Jewish community

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# Sunday, March 3, 2019 10:30 am Program

Please arrive at 10:00 am for breakfast and registration

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# PJ Our Way Presents When I Grow Up

## Sunday, January 6, 2019

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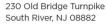
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